Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – March 13, 2023

REPORTS

Item No. 8 Welcoming Winnipeg – Creating New Markers in Provencher Park: Cuisine ton Quartier (St. Boniface Ward)

WINNIPEG PUBLIC SERVICE RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the new historical markers, in the form of interpretive panels linking to podcasts (as proposed in Appendix A), be installed in Provencher Park in consultation with the Public Service, with the addition that a land acknowledgment be included in each podcast created by the proponent.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Welcoming Winnipeg – Creating New Markers in Provencher Park: Cuisine ton Quartier

Critical Path: Executive Policy Committee – Council

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On January 30, 2020, Council passed a motion to adopt the Welcoming Winnipeg: Reconciling our History Policy. This policy was developed to guide the City in making decisions regarding requests to create new, add to, or remove/rename historical markers and place names and resolve the absence of Indigenous histories and contributions in the stories remembered and commemorated. Welcoming Winnipeg will proactively utilize a lens of balance, inclusion, and Indigenous perspectives.

On February 12, 2021, a formal Welcoming Winnipeg request form was unveiled to the public; a request was submitted to create new historical markers within Provencher Park (590 Langevin Street) acknowledging the stories of newcomers and Métis francophones in the form of interpretive markers linking to podcasts. These markers would be installed permanently and will include French and English text, they will also provide a voice and space for these groups to express their story and share it with the rest of Winnipeg.

The Welcoming Winnipeg: Reconciling our History policy aligns at a municipal level with Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Call to Action #43 and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), particularly Article 15:

1. Indigenous peoples have the right to the dignity and diversity of their cultures, traditions, histories and aspirations which shall be appropriately reflected in education and public information.
2. States shall take effective measures, in consultation and cooperation with the Indigenous peoples concerned, to combat prejudice and eliminate discrimination and to promote tolerance, understanding and good relations among Indigenous peoples and all other segments of society.

After careful consideration, the Committee of Community Members (CCM) is recommending that Council support this request with the addition that a land acknowledgment be included in each podcast. The cost of this project would be up to $700.00 and will be funded through the Indigenous Relations Journey of Reconciliation budget.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the new historical markers, in the form of interpretive panels linking to podcasts (as proposed in Appendix A), be installed in Provencher Park in consultation with the Public Service, with the addition that a land acknowledgment be included in each podcast created by the proponent.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

REASON FOR THE REPORT

On January 30, 2020, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee (EPC) that the recommendations of the community member-based committee be forwarded to EPC and then to Council for final decision.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

If the recommendations of this report are concurred in, new historical markers will be permanently installed within Provencher Park (590 Langevin Street) acknowledging the stories of newcomers and Métis francophones in the form of podcasts and interpretive markers.

Costs of the installation, $700, will be funded through existing budgets and no new money is required.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

Decision-making history

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As recommended in this policy, the inaugural Committee of Community Members (CCM) was established in August 2020; a key function of this committee is review requests to change historical or place names and provide a recommendation to the Executive Policy Committee (EPC) and Council for final decision.

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Considerations for this naming request

The CCM reviewed the decision-making history and the information provided by the applicant (summarized in Appendix A) and then as a delegate at the committee's July 18, 2022, meeting. Additionally, the public input that was collected over a two-week period was provided to the CCM to consider as part of their recommendation-making process. An overview of the feedback collected has been included in a Public Engagement Summary Report (Appendix B).

The CCM considered how this request meets the following definition of a "Welcoming Winnipeg" request, which was created through two phases of public engagement in 2019 and was refined by the CCM. A Welcoming Winnipeg request is one that:

- Ultimately achieves a balanced perspective/story;
- Honours Indigenous peoples as the original peoples of this land and the contemporary context in which Indigenous peoples continue to have relationship with this land;
- Promotes Indigenous reclamation of land, space and/or language;
- Offers an educational opportunity; or,
- Supports telling the complete history of Winnipeg.

Utilizing the Welcoming Winnipeg Request Assessment Tool (Appendix C), the CCM identified the following as key considerations:

1. Welcoming Winnipeg
    - Cuisine ton quartier walking tour includes signage and podcasts that provide a perspective on the diverse origins and stories of people from the Franco-Manitoban community that are usually marginalized and misunderstood (newcomers & Métis).
    - This project is fully accessible to anyone walking, rolling, or using the park. These signs will include French and English text, as well as a QR code that leads the visitor to a website and podcast highlighting the individual's story.

2. Research and Rationale
    - Cuisine ton quartier has purposely chosen to include a land acknowledgment on its main information signage to ensure sufficient honouring of the land on which it is installed.
    - One of the individuals featured in this walking tour will be Métis, which will help the project encompass the diverse cultures that form our Franco-Manitoban community.

3. Community Support
    - With respect to the public input process, in response to the question: "Do you think the Committee of Community Members should support this request", 100% of respondents to the online survey said 'yes'. There were 5 responses received.

4. Other considerations
    - Funding for this project has been secured by the applicant.

The Welcoming Winnipeg: Reconciling our History policy was adopted because of a demonstrated need for changes to how the City approaches commemoration and to ensure Indigenous perspectives are reflected in the City's historical markers and place names.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement

Date: February 6, 2023

Project Name:

Welcoming Winnipeg – Creating New Markers in Provencher Park: Cuisine ton Quartier

First Year of Program **2023**

	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Funding Sources:					
Debt - Internal	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Debt - External	-	-	-	-	-
Grants (Enter Description Here)	-	-	-	-	-
Reserves, Equity, Surplus	-	-	-	-	-
Other - Enter Description Here	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funding	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -				
Total Additional Debt Required	$ -				
Current Expenditures/Revenues					
Direct Costs	$ 700	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery	-	-	-	-	-
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ 700	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	700	-	-	-	-
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments:

Direct costs of $700 represent the estimated costs to create new historical markers within Provencher Park as outlined in the report. Funding for this project will come from the the Indigenous Relations Division Journey of Reconciliation budget.

Jason Duke - February 6, 2023

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CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with:

- Parks and Open Space (Public Works Department)

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

Complete Communities Direction Strategy 2.0

1.2 Recognize and celebrate Indigenous heritage
Work collaboratively with Indigenous communities and stakeholders to recognize and celebrate Indigenous heritage values and spaces.

OurWinnipeg 2045

5.4 Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples
Prioritize municipal implementation responsibilities within the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action and the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls' Calls for Justice. LG, ER, EP, HW, CB

5.8 Community Cohesion
Provide opportunities for creative, cultural, and artistic expression through municipal facility design, public place-making, and community-led initiatives to promote community relationship-building, identity and sense of belonging. HW, CB

5.9 Heritage Conservation
Provide opportunities for heritage education, truth-telling, and reconciliation, through the commemoration, conservation, and stewardship of both tangible and intangible heritage resources, including Indigenous land-based practices and artifacts, public names, places, and art, museum artifacts, and archived information. LG, HW

6.37 Heritage Conservation
Conserve cultural, natural, and heritage resources and districts, as defined in Complete Communities, and Indigenous land-based practices to celebrate sense of place through community history, architecture, civic identity and cultural perspectives. ER, HW

WINNIPEG CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ALIGNMENT

N/A

WINNIPEG POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY ALIGNMENT

The information and recommendations presented in this report align with and advance the Winnipeg Poverty Reduction Strategy (2021 – 2031) as follows:

They embody the following Guiding Principles:

- We will Uphold Human Rights
- We will Honour Relationships and Reconciliation with Indigenous People

SUBMITTED BY

Department: Chief Administrative Office
Division: Indigenous Relations Division
Prepared by: T. Prystupa
Date: February 8, 2023
File No: N/A

Attachments:

Appendix A: 2022-007 Request Summary

Appendix B: 2022-007 Public Engagement Summary Report

Appendix C: Welcoming Winnipeg – Request Assessment Tool