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**WELCOMING WINNIPEG – Request Summary**

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**Request ID:** 2022-007

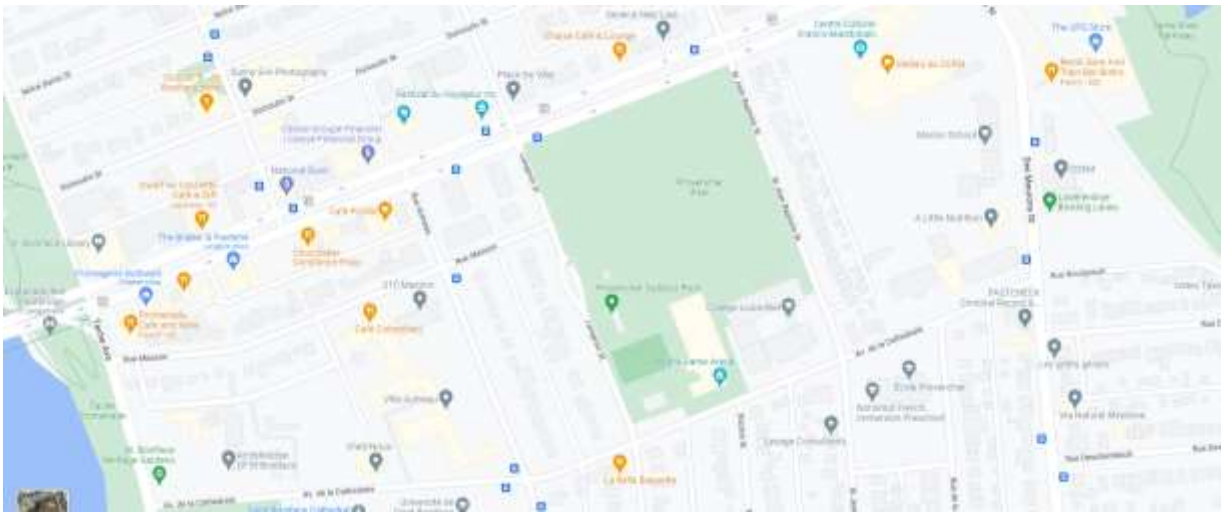
**Name of Request:** Creating New Historical Markers – Cuisine ton Quartier

**Address:** Parc Provencher Park (590 Langevin Street)

**Demonstrated Community Support:**

- Petition submitted: *Yes,11 participants.*
- Letters of support provided: *3 letters of support provided*

**Project Details:**



This project set in Provencher park, will primarily highlights the stories of the newcomers and metis francophones in the form of podcast & signage installed through the park. This project gives these folks a voice and a space to express their story and share it with the rest of Winnipeg. The signage will both be in French and English to ensure accessibility to all citizens. It is a great project that will help unify communities, share perspectives, and hopefully create a great sense of understanding and appreciating diversity in our community.

For this project to really take shape it requires the permission of the city to install permanent signage in a park. After much thought, we've concluded that Provencher park located in the heart of Saint Boniface would be the perfect space to house this project. I've attached an INFO sheet about the signage to give you a better idea of what we are proposing. The plan is to have the signages mounted on existing structures such as lampposts in the park. This project will include signages that showcase 12 individual stories & QR codes to the podcasts: 24 signages (12 in French and 12 in English), 6 INFO signages that include the land acknowledgement (3 in French & 3 in English). The signages will be secured to the posts with metal rings, the French version on one side of the post and the English version on the other side.

See Appendix A below for additional details.

**How does this project contribute to a 'Welcoming Winnipeg', as defined in the policy and what kind of evidence/research can be provided to support this state**

Cuisine ton quartier walking tour includes signages and podcast that provide a perspective on the diverse origins and stories of people from the Franco-Manitobain community that are usually marginalized and misunderstood (newcomers & metis). This project will help educate the wider Winnipeg community about these people's history, personal stories, struggles and willingness to adapt in their new environment all the while respecting and honoring their culture and heritage. This project is fully accessible to anyone walking, rolling, or using the park as through way by installing theses signages throughout 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. This Winnipeg based project is also part of a larger community of Cuisine ton quartier that ATSA has produced in other provinces and neighborhoods. All of the other neighborhood stories are accessible on https://www.atsa.qc.ca/cuisine-ton-quartier-2020. This project links us all together and creates a greater sense of belonging regardless of the differences in culture and race.

This project is only realizable with the help and the participation of 12 individuals that will share their story in the form of a podcast which will then be available in the form of signage. This is a fully community-oriented project. The stories that will be told are those of our people, the people that shape our communities, contribute to its vibrancy, and continue to honor the diverse cultures and traditions. Cuisine ton quartier will include the story of a metis artist and their journey back to their identity and culture to help create awareness around the metis culture that is so tightly knit into the franco-manitobain community.

The goal is to launch this project in the fall with a official event where the individuals that

participated in this project will have the opportunity to share their story in person with the community. The Manitoba Francophone Immigration Network has generously offered to contribute financially to this launch so that we can hire Dr. Henry Band, one of the participants in the project, can perform for the public.

**Does this site have historical significance to the Indigenous community? Research Support:**

Yes.

We acknowledge that we are gathered on ancestral lands, Treaty 1 territory, traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Dene Peoples, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation. During this walk, you will learn more about francophone newcomers to Manitoba. The francophone population was first comprised of the Métis Nation starting in the early 18th century. It later grew through the arrival of French Canadians, and is today enhanced by newcomers from Europe and all of the Francophonie.

*Sources: Statistics Canada and *La colonisation/migrations francophone au Manitoba, 1870-1914.*

Cuisine ton quartier has purposely chosen to include this land acknowledgment on its main information signage to ensure sufficient honoring of the land on which it is installed. Furthermore, one of the individuals featured in this walking tour will be metis so that this project can really encompassed the diverse cultures that form our Franco-Manitoban community and Winnipeg.

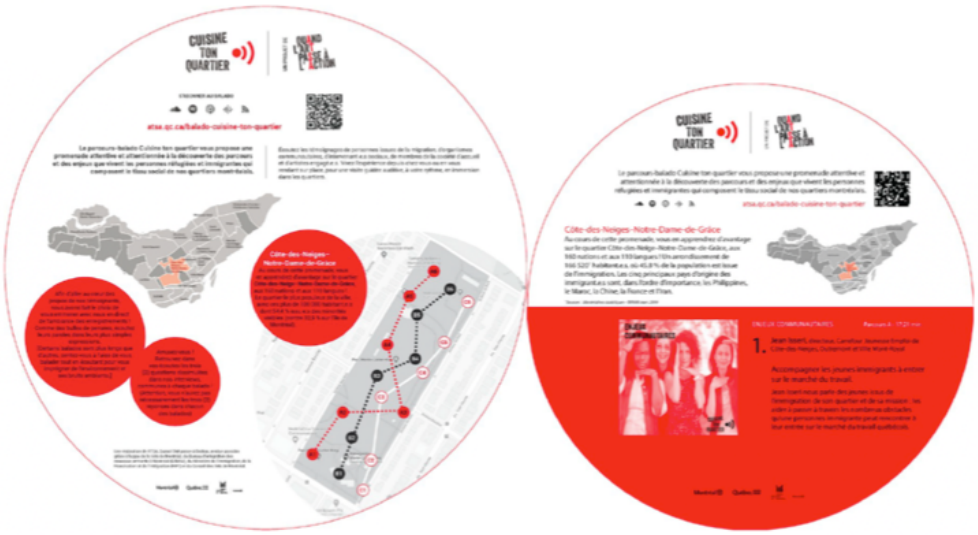
**If this application is not supported, what would the negative impact on the community be? (If applicable)**

If the City of Winnipeg chooses not to support this request it will stunt the growth of our community that wants to be more inclusive and understanding with the help of this project. It will also, demonstrate that the city does not support community initiative that seek to showcase the diverse stories that shape our community.

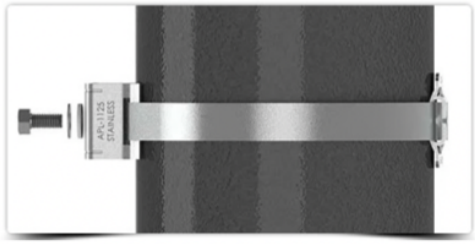
**Any additional information the applicant would like the CCM to consider in making their recommendation.**

No additional information provided.

Appendix A




Plan for the signage installation
- Use of the round design as seen bellow instead of the sqaure format
- 24 signages (12 french & 12 english on either side of the post) 10”diameter
- 6 INFO signages (3 french & 3 english on either side of the post) 16” diameter





Proposed signage location
Provencher Park
Indicating the location of each type of signage

