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**WELCOMING WINNIPEG – Request Summary**

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**Request ID:** 2022-003

**Name of Request:** Naming Unnamed Trail in Transcona to Cousineau Family Trail

**Address:** West side of Day Street starting at Kildare Avenue and extending north

**Demonstrated Community Support:**

- Petition submitted: No. Due to COVID due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and physical distancing precautions, the City has temporarily suspended this requirement.
- Letters of support provided: Yes, 1 letter of support was provided.

**Project Details:**



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

There is a new trail on Day Street and naming it the Cousineau Family Trail would be a fitting tribute to the Cousineau family's dedication to improving quality of life for the citizens of Transcona.

Cousineau family members were some of the founding members of the Transcona Trails Association, formed in 2003 to create a trail system for walking and cycling to improve health, and the family has put in thousands of volunteer hours to improve the health and quality of life in our community. The Cousineau family currently contributes volunteer hours to the development of trails and greenspaces in Transcona to make it a better place to live.

It is difficult to explain to the current generation of French speaking Metis in the family about why their parents and grandparents do not know more about their history and cultural heritage. The family is spending time and effort to regain this knowledge that they were denied. As they learn more about their ancestors they recognize a strong connection to the land and its bounty.

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

All of the Red River Valley is historically important but the applicant is not aware of any particular importance of this small area.

The City of Winnipeg, and the site of this trail, is located in Treaty No. 1 territory (the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe, Ininew and Dakota) and the National Homeland of the Red River Métis.

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

Naming and signing trails makes it easier for people to find and navigate the trails. If the name is not approved there will be a delay in naming and signing the trail, and a delay for our association to start fund raising to pay for the signs.

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

Although volunteers do not work for acknowledgement it promotes good will to them and other volunteers in the community.