

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT

MOTIONS

Minute No. 694

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Wyatt,

WHEREAS Canadian Military veterans earned the honour of a free plot in the Brookside or Transcona Fields of Honour due to their service to Canada;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg should do our part by providing a free plot to military veterans who have passed away and their family resides in Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS the cost of a funeral involves much more money than the purchase of a plot;

AND WHEREAS the Veteran Affairs' Last Post Fund uses a difficult process, for grieving families, that disqualifies military veterans and their families from obtaining free plots in fields of honour;

AND WHEREAS in 2022, the City of Winnipeg Cemetery Division free plot program gave up \$22,000 in revenue to provide free plots to Winnipeg veterans whose families were spared from a demeaning process by simply providing the veteran's military service card/papers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that an annual amount of \$23,000, required to waive the fees for veteran interments within the Field of Honour at both Brookside and Transcona Cemeteries, be referred to the 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budget Review Process for inclusion in said budget.

The Speaker ruled automatic referral of the motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law.

Moved by Councillor Allard:

That Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law be suspended to consider the motion at this time.

Councillor Allard called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:

Yea: Councillors Allard, Eadie, Rollins, Santos and Wyatt 5

Nay: His Worship Mayor Gillingham, Councillors Browaty, Chambers, Dobson, Duncan, Gilroy, Lukes, Mayes and Sharma. 9

and the motion for suspension of the rules was declared lost.

The Item was referred to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law.