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Item No. 5 Renaming a Portion of Bishop Grandin to Edward Schreyer Parkway South
(St. Vital Ward)

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee recommended to Council:

1. That the Council Motion of September 29, 2023, be filed.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Rollins,

That the Council Motion of September 29, 2023, be filed, and forwarded to Council.

Carried

The following persons submitted communications in opposition to the matter:

Becky Filopoulos, on behalf of Wa Ni Ska Tan
Reanna Merasty, on behalf of Welcoming Winnipeg Committee of Community Members

COUNCIL DECISION:

On September 29, 2023, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Eadie,

WHEREAS the Right Hon. Edward Schreyer has contributed greatly to the development of Manitoba, economically, socially, and politically;

AND WHEREAS the Right Hon. Edward Schreyer has served our country as the first NDP Premier of Manitoba, as the Governor General of Canada, and as the High Commissioner to Australia;

AND WHEREAS in the capacity of Premier of Manitoba, the Right Hon. Edward Schreyer was the first Premier to have regular meetings with the leaders of Manitoba's Indigenous community, with what was then called the Manitoba Indian Brotherhood, later to become the Manitoba Assembly of First Nations;

AND WHEREAS, as the Premier of Manitoba, the Schreyer government was the first government to establish government run and operated ice roads, into northern Manitoba, and to supply and provide materials to First Nations, (ice roads which were previously undeveloped or in the control of the private sector, which exacted a fare from users of said ice roads);

AND WHEREAS, the Schreyer government was the first government to build air strip runways at first nations which, until then, could only be serviced or reached by single engine bush planes, in the summer months;

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND WHEREAS, the Schreyer government brought about training of teachers aids to facilitate training in both Cree and Ojibwa languages;

AND WHEREAS for all his work with the Indigenous community of Manitoba and Canada he was not only honoured once, but twice by the community, by being declared an Honourary Chief, and was presented with the Head Dress with such an honour (See Appendix A) and has been given the Spirit Name of 'Running Brave'.

AND WHEREAS, the Rt. Hon. Edward Schreyer has been recognized, via the Transcona West Area Structure Plan, adopted by Council in By-law in 2008, by naming the historic North/South Transcona Corridor (an Expressway planned to connect at the existing terminus of Chief Peguis Trail and Lagimodière Boulevard, to the north, and would run south, connecting Transcona and the industries of Transcona, to the south, ending at the intersection of what has been known as Bishop Grandin and Lagimodiere Boulevard), Edward Schreyer Parkway North;

AND WHEREAS, once the road known as Bishop Grandin goes east, past the Lagimodiere intersection, it was known as part of the historic North/South Transcona Corridor;

AND WHEREAS, in 2000/2001, against the wishes of the Public Service of Winnipeg, a part of the said corridor was sold for a car dealership, which required the corridor lands to be divided into what has now been referred to as the Edward Schreyer Parkway North (from the terminus of the Chief Peguis Trail and Lagimodiere Boulevard to Regent Avenue West), and the Edward Schreyer Parkway South (from Bishop Grandin Boulevard and Lagimodière Boulevard to Dugald Road, along the alignment of Plessis Road);

AND WHEREAS four lanes of what was known as Edward Schreyer Parkway South, has been constructed, east of the Bishop Grandin and Lagimodiere intersection, but was wrongly named Bishop Grandin Boulevard;

AND WHEREAS street renaming's are not automatically subject to Welcoming Winnipeg review, however, because of the recent debate regarding the renaming of Bishop Grandin Boulevard and that process being subject to Welcoming Winnipeg review, this matter should be reviewed as well.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to refer to the Welcoming Winnipeg process the renaming the four-lane roadway (See attached Appendix B), recently constructed and referred to as Bishop Grandin Boulevard, to 'Edward Schreyer Parkway South', in order to rightly honour a Manitoban who has done so much for Manitoba, Canada, and the Indigenous community.

2. That upon completion of the review by Welcoming Winnipeg, as outlined in Recommendation 1, the Public Service be directed to report back to the appropriate committee of Council with regards to the street renaming, as required under the Street Names By-law No. 115/2011.

3. That the Proper Officers of the City do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.