Minutes – Council – May 22, 2025

Minute No. 284
Executive Policy Committee – Motions

Item No. 1 Park Renaming – Kildonan Meadows Park to Lucki Family Park

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council adopted the following:

1. That given Joseph Lucki's distinguished 30-year career of service as a City of Winnipeg police officer, his extensive volunteerism, and the community wide support for this renaming outlined in the attached letters, the Welcoming Winnipeg Policy be waived in this instance.

2. That Kildonan Meadows Park at 1120 Devonshire Drive West be officially renamed "Lucki Family Park"

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Chambers,

WHEREAS Kildonan Meadows Park, located at 1120 Devonshire Drive West in the Transcona Ward, is a well-used public green space that anchors neighbourhood recreation and community gatherings;

AND WHEREAS Joseph "Joe" Lucki, born in North Point Douglas in 1934 to Ukrainian-immigrant parents, served the Town and later the City of Transcona as a police officer from 1959 until his retirement in 1989, rising to the rank of Detective and earning the Police Exemplary Service Medal for 30 years of distinguished, community-focused policing;

AND WHEREAS during his career Officer Lucki routinely undertook multifaceted duties, including firefighting, emergency medical response, public-health enforcement and court prosecution, reflecting an extraordinary commitment to public safety in a rapidly growing community;

AND WHEREAS after his daughter Patricia's tragic death in 1989, Joe Lucki and his late wife Isydora channelled their energy into civic volunteerism, beautifying Transcona through award-winning horticulture, serving as long-time Fan Ambassadors for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, and supporting city-wide sporting events such as the Pan Am, Canada, and Indigenous Games;

AND WHEREAS on 27 April 2024 Officer Lucki, now approaching his 91st birthday (3rd October), received a prolonged standing ovation from more than 500 attendees, including Premier Wab Kinew, Chief of Police Danny Smyth and Winnipeg Police Association President Cory Wiles, at the Annual Police Officer Ball Gala, underscoring city-wide appreciation for his lifetime of service;

AND WHEREAS while some commemorative park renamings are paused while the Public Service undertakes a comprehensive review of the Welcoming Winnipeg policy, it would be a reasonable and respectful gesture to facilitate this renaming expeditiously;

AND WHEREAS renaming Kildonan Meadows Park in honour of Joe Lucki would publicly recognize his decades of professional dedication and volunteer contribution, inspire civic pride, and preserve the legacy of a family that has exemplified community-minded citizenship in Transcona and in Winnipeg;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

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Required to Stand as Notice of Motion in accordance with Rule 17(1) of the Procedure By-law No. 50/2007.

Moved by Councillor Chambers,

That Rule 17(1) of the Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be suspended to consider the motion at this time.

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

Yea:	His Worship Mayor Gillingham, Councillors Allard, Browaty, Chambers, Dobson, Duncan, Eadie, Gilroy, Lukes, Mayes, Orlikow, Rollins, Santos and Wyatt	13
Nay:	His Worship Mayor Gillingham and Councillor Sharma	2

Carried

The motion for the adoption of the item was put.

Carried

Councillors Gilroy, Mayes and Rollins asked to be recorded as having voted against the above motion, in accordance with Rule 47(7) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007.