Minute No. 412
Minutes – Council – July 17, 2025

Executive Policy Committee – Notice of Motion

Item No. 2 Park Renaming – Berkley Square Park to Dawn McEwen Park

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the motion and adopted the following:

1. That the Welcoming Winnipeg Policy be waived and that the park located at 635 Berkley Street, known as Berkley Square Park, be officially renamed to "Dawn McEwen Park".

2. That funding for the signage be approved from the Riel Community Committee Land Dedication Reserve – St. Vital Ward Allocation.

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:

On June 26, 2025, the following Notice of Motion was filed with the Clerk, in accordance with section 17(1) of the Procedure By-law No. 50/2007.

Moved by Councillor Mayes,
Seconded by Councillor Duncan,

WHEREAS the park located at 635 Berkley Street is currently known at Berkley Square Park;

AND WHEREAS Dawn McEwen is a retired curler and long-time lead for the Jennifer Jones curling team and help win gold at the 2014 Winter Olympics, and is a two-time World Champion, having triumphed at the 2008 and 2018 World Women's Curling Championship;

AND WHEREAS the City has named parks after team skip Jennifer Jones and second Jill Officer the other two members of Team Jones gold medal winning curling team in 2014, without delay more than ten years ago;

AND WHEREAS Council originally directed the Public Service to report back on the renaming of Berkley Square Park to Dawn McEwen Park on June 23, 2022;

AND WHEREAS Council has voted to waive the application of the Welcoming Winnipeg policy in other instances, despite the park name not having been put forward previously,

AND WHEREAS if Council is not prepared to extend the same respect to Dawn McEwen after a nearly three year wait, then the park renaming should be deemed denied rather than continuing a process that has no deadline and isn't being applied equally to all renaming applications;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

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

Carried