Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – November 18, 2025

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Item No. 9 Mother Earth Nature Park

COUNCIL DECISION:

On October 30, 2025, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Durand-Wood,

WHEREAS on June 20th, 2023, the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee requested the naming of the a new nature park, to be called the "Mother Earth Nature Park";

AND WHEREAS since that time, the Area Councillor has since worked, as requested by EPC, with the Public Service to develop a site plan for the Park, and now would like the naming to proceed, as that would allow us to reach out to schools and the community for a community tree planting project;

AND WHEREAS the 'Mother Earth Nature Park', is on approximately 25 acres of land that was required, via development agreement, to be set aside for a "buffering" between the new homes being developed in NE Transcona, and that of existing heavy industries located both on Day Street and Gunn Road;

AND WHEREAS the area developer is committed to assisting with partial park development, namely the parking lot construction, initial partial trail construction, as well as new off leash dog park construction, on the said lands;

AND WHEREAS the naming will be a way for School Children to actively get involved in a project that will teach indigenous traditions and symbols, as well as the importance of understanding reconciliation for the entire community that shall enjoy the use of the park, as the park design is that of a Turtle, creatively building and using the trail system for the outline of the turtle, as well as the off leash dog park for that of the front flippers of the turtle, which are in the symbol of a wolfs' head, thus the turtle, coming into shape, and being the Spirit Animal that represents the virtue and value of 'Truth', and the Wolf being the Spirit Animal that represents both the virtue and value of 'Humility', and the importance of Family and Family Responsibilities (as per some of our teachings);

WHEREAS this will allow for a multi-year involvement of school children for the planting of trees, and the involvement of local Members of the Legislative Assembly, who are keen to see this project underway;

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The Area shown on Appendix A, B and C be named the ‘Mother Earth Nature Park’.

2. The said name be provided for in local Indigenous Languages, so that the English Language and said applicable Indigenous Languages shall be posted equally in and around at the park, for all to see as part of this project.

3. The Area Councillor be requested to work with the community to fundraise to complete the construction of the said park’s amenities (mainly the balance of the gravel trail system and interpretive signage), along with securing the existing and any new funding mechanisms for parks that are provided for via the City of Winnipeg, thus not adding any additional burden to the existing capital budget of the City of Winnipeg.

4. The City of Winnipeg Forestry Branch be directed to work, via the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee, toward securing trees, as per the attached plan, over the course of the next coming years, starting immediately, to allow for the ongoing planting and naturalization of the creation of this new Nature Park, in cooperation with local school children, local City Councillors, and local MLA’s, and the Winnipeg Public Service.