Minutes – Riel Community Committee – February 20, 2026

REPORTS

Item No. 6 Dakota Community Centre
(St. Norbert-Seine River Ward)

The Riel Community Committee did not make a recommendation on the matter as the motion was declared lost.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Chambers,

That Rule 10(3) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be suspended in order that the following item, which was received less than four business days preceding the committee meeting, be considered by Committee.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Chambers,

WHEREAS: The Dakota Community Centre, located at 1188 Dakota Street, offers many functions to the community it serves;

AND WHEREAS: Dakota Community Centre currently operates at and beyond capacity, with:

- Over 5,100 hours of ice booked annually
- 95% of prime-time ice booked year-round
- Arenas booked daily from 6 a.m. to midnight
- Waitlists exist for many ice programs including youth learn to play and learn to skate programs as well as the centre's hockey leagues

AND WHEREAS: The proposed Arena and Recreation Centre Expansion Project is a future-focused redevelopment that includes:

- A new, fully accessible 750-seat community arena (a third indoor rink)
- Expanded childcare and indoor play spaces for 50+ children
- A modern fitness centre and additional multi-purpose spaces
- 172 additional parking stalls and improved site circulation

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

AND WHEREAS: This project has garnered significant multi-level government support, including a $7.5 million federal investment announced in December 2025 toward the first phase of development. Dakota Community Centre functions as a regional hub, drawing participants and visitors from across all catchment areas in South Winnipeg and beyond, hosting provincial and national events.

AND WHEREAS: The City of Winnipeg has not built a new public arena in over a decade, creating a significant shortage of modern ice facilities;

AND WHEREAS: The Centre wishes to have support and funding from the City of Winnipeg for this initiative;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Riel Community Committee recommend to the Executive Policy Committee that the Dakota Community Centre 3rd Arena & Recreation Centre Expansion Project Proposal be referred to the Budget Review Process to grant an amount of $8,000,000.00 for the project.

Lost

Councillors Allard and Mayes 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.

Jody Wreggit submitted a communication in support of the matter.