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Minute No. 187
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Community Services – February 3, 2026

Item No. 2 Boni-Vital Pool Renaming
(St. Boniface Ward)

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services and adopted the following:

1. That the Boni-Vital Pool located at 1215 Archibald Street be renamed as the "Piscine Dan Vandal Boni-Vital Pool", subject to the following:

   A. Waiving of the Welcoming Winnipeg Policy.

   B. That funding be allocated from the Riel Land Dedication Reserve Fund (St. Boniface and St. Vital Ward allocations).

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

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Moved by Councillor Santos,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services be adopted.

Carried

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

Yea:	His Worship Mayor Gillingham, Councillors Allard, Browaty, Chambers, Dobson, Duncan, Eadie, Lukes, Mayes, Rollins, Santos and Sharma	12
Nay:	Councillors Durand-Wood, Gilroy and Wyatt	3

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 17, 2026, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services and submitted the matter to Council.

David Grant submitted a communication in opposition to the matter.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 3, 2026, the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services considered the recommendation of the Riel Community Committee and recommended to the Executive Policy Committee and Council:

1. That the Boni-Vital Pool located at 1215 Archibald Street be renamed as the "Piscine Dan Vandal Boni-Vital Pool", subject to the following:

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 30, 2026, the Riel Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the Boni-Vital Pool, located at 1215 Archibald Street, has served as a primary recreational hub for the residents of St. Boniface and St. Vital since its establishment;

AND WHEREAS the Honourable Dan Vandal, a proud Red River Métis, has dedicated over 26 years to public service, including five terms as the City Councillor for St. Boniface, service as Deputy Mayor of the City of Winnipeg, and over a decade representing the constituency of Saint Boniface–Saint Vital in the House of Commons;

AND WHEREAS Dan Vandal's career has been characterized by a tireless commitment to urban renewal, the development of the Aboriginal Youth Strategy, and the enhancement of public spaces that foster community health and connection;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Riel Community Committee recommend to the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back on the feasibility of renaming the Piscine Boni-Vital Pool to the "Piscine Dan Vandal Boni-Vital Pool" in honor of his significant and lifelong contributions to the City of Winnipeg and the St. Boniface community.