Minutes – Council – January 29, 2026

Minute No. 136
Executive Policy Committee – Motions

Item No. 1 Park Renaming – Wendy Baxter Memorial Scouts Park

Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Santos,

WHEREAS suddenly on December 25th, 2024, the community of Transcona lost one of our great volunteer youth leaders, Ms. Wendy Baxter;

AND WHEREAS Wendy Baxter dedicated nearly 40 years of her life to volunteering as a youth leader in the Beaver, Cubs, Scouts, and Ventures Program, out of the First Transcona Scout Hall, located on the South East corner of Winona Street and Melrose Avenue West;

AND WHEREAS located right next to the Historic Transcona Scout Hall is Scout Park, where Wendy conducted much of her outdoor programming with the youth;

AND WHEREAS Councillor Russ Wyatt received a formal request from the First Transcona Scouting Group Leaders and Parents (Appendix A), stating that "She (Wendy) became the heart and soul of the First Transcona Scout Group. To provide a fitting tribute to Wendy's many years working with Transcona area children in the Scouts Canada program we propose that the current Scouts Park located at 110 Winona Street, next to the Transcona Scout Hall, is renamed the Wendy Baxter Memorial Scouts Park. On behalf of the First Transcona Scout Group Scout Leaders, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Ventures and parents we would appreciate your support in this matter.";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. That the Welcoming Winnipeg Policy be waived and the park located at 110 Winona Street, presently known as Scout Park, be renamed to "Wendy Baxter Memorial Scouts Park".

2. That funding for the signage be approved from the Elmwood-East Kildonan Community Committee Land Dedication Reserve – Transcona Ward Allocation.

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

The Speaker ruled automatic referral of the motion to the Executive Policy Committee, in accordance with Rule 16(1) of the Procedure By-law No. 50/2007.