Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – May 19, 2026

Report – Standing Policy Committee on Community Services – May 4, 2026

Item No. 2 Charitable Donation to The City of Winnipeg: Enderton Park (Peanut Park) "Geraldine" by Joe Fafard

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services and submitted the following to Council:

1. That the City of Winnipeg accept and issue a tax receipt for a gifted donation from Michael Nesbitt in the amount of $100,000.00 for the art entitled "Geraldine" by artist Joe Fafard placed in Enderton Park (Peanut Park) and included in the City's asset inventory.

2. That the City enter into, execute, and deliver a Donation Agreement with Michael Nesbitt, and such other agreements as determined necessary by the City Solicitor/Director of Legal Services to implement the intent of the foregoing (the "Other Ancillary Agreements").

3. That authority be delegated to the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the Donation Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements in accordance with this Report and such other terms and conditions deemed necessary by the City Solicitor/Director of Legal Services to protect the interests of the City.

4. 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:

Moved by Councillor Santos,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 4, 2026, the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Charitable Donation to The City of Winnipeg: Enderton Park (Peanut Park) "Geraldine" by Joe Fafard

Critical Path: Standing Policy Committee on Community Services

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On June 30, 2013, the City entered into a Revised Memorandum of Understanding with Friends of Peanut Park Inc (the Friends). This is for the ongoing maintenance and future improvements undertaken by the Friends at Enderton Park (Peanut Park). Peanut Park is a City park located on Ruskin Row.

A Winnipeg resident, Michael Nesbitt, donated an art piece named "Geraldine" by artist Joe Fafard to the City which was placed in Peanut Park. It is worth approximately $100,000.00 and the Friends will receive a donation receipt for same.

The Friends will maintain the art sculpture. They will be responsible for those costs.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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REASON FOR THE REPORT

The Standing Policy Committee on Community Services has authority to accept donations from the public for use in public parks.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

A report on the Proposed Licence Agreement between Friends of Peanut Park Inc. and the City of Winnipeg for 11 Ruskin Row (Enderton Park) will be submitted to Standing Policy Committee on Planning and Development in May. If approved, Friends of Peanut Park will assume responsibility for all expenses related to maintaining the art sculpture.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

Michael Nesbitt, a local art collector and philanthropist from Winnipeg, has extensively contributed to the arts, education and community development in Winnipeg and throughout the country. He owned the art sculpture “Geraldine” by Joe Fafard and donated it to the City of Winnipeg to be placed in Enderton Park (Peanut Park) for public enjoyment. Geraldine is currently in place (see Figure 1, below)

Joe Fafard is a nationally and internationally recognized artist. He was born on September 2, 1942, and passed away on March 16, 2019. He was a prominent Prairie-based sculptor whose career was deeply rooted in Western Canada. Widely regarded as one of the country’s leading visual artists, his work was exhibited across Canada and internationally, including in the United States, Great Britain, France, and Japan. His contributions to contemporary sculpture significantly enhanced the national and global profile of both Saskatchewan and Canada.

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The art piece will be added to the City’s asset inventory.



Figure 1: Geraldine

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement

Date: March 4, 2026

Project Name:

First Year of Program **2026**

Charitable Donation to The City of Winnipeg: Enderton Park (Peanut Park) "Geraldine" by Joe Fafard

	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Funding Sources:					
Debt - Internal	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Debt - External	-	-	-	-	-
Grants (Enter Description Here)	-	-	-	-	-
Reserves, Equity, Surplus	-	-	-	-	-
Other - Enter Description Here	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funding	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -				
Total Additional Debt Required	$ -				
Current Expenditure/Revenues					
Direct Costs	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery	100,000	-	-	-	-
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ (100,000)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	(100,000)	-	-	-	-
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments: The total appraised Fair Market Value of the art is $100,000.00. This art piece will be included in the City's asset inventory. Incremental Revenue/Recovery represents the recognition of the donation revenue.

J. Ruby, 2026-03-05

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Manager of Finance and Administration

CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with:

- Legal Services (as to legal issues)
- Planning, Property and Development
- Corporate Finance (as to donation / tax matters)

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

Goal 4: Good Health and Well-Being
Objective 3: Support positive health outcomes through the built and natural environments.

Policy 4.13 Inclusive Public Spaces: Integrate public art and green infrastructure into neighbourhood-scale public spaces, to promote usability, beauty, pride and sense of place.

WINNIPEG CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ALIGNMENT

2.19 Leverage Green Infrastructure: Value, protect and integrate green infrastructure solutions within the urban environment, to achieve highest and best use for biodiversity and ecosystem integrity, mitigate servicing capacity constraints, and accommodate only park, recreation, open space, or City operations related uses in City-owned land used as parks or under parks jurisdiction.

WINNIPEG POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY ALIGNMENT

4.11 Equitable Service Access: Prioritize equitable access to recreation and parks systems, services, and infrastructure, in order to: enable active living; connect people and nature; create supportive environments; build community capacity; and achieve desired health outcomes, with a focus on children and youth.

SUBMITTED BY

Department: Planning, Property and Development Department
Division: Real Estate and Land Development
Prepared by: Melanie Dextraze
Date: March 25, 2026