**Minutes – City Centre Community Committee – July 2, 2026**

**Item No. 2 Repurposing Vimy Ridge Lawn Bowling Clubhouse (Daniel McIntyre Ward)**

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The City Centre Community Committee recommended to the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back on recommissioning the existing building at Vimy Ridge Memorial Park as a community gathering facility, including:

1. Assessing the building's current condition, required upgrades and accessibility improvements.

2. Reviewing options to relocate or consolidate Parks equipment storage to another suitable location, allowing the building to be returned to community use.

3. Estimating operating costs, implementation options, and a proposed timeline.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,

WHEREAS the existing building at Vimy Ride Memorial Park that was a former lawn bowling clubhouse would be a great community asset.

AND WHEREAS the existing building is currently being used primarily by the City of Winnipeg Parks Department for equipment storage;

AND WHEREAS the building is located within a well-used community park that hosts recreational activities, family gatherings, sporting events, and community celebrations throughout the year;

AND WHEREAS there is a growing need for accessible indoor community spaces that can support birthday parties, family celebrations, neighbourhood meetings, cultural events, and park programming;

AND WHEREAS recommissioning the building as a community gathering place would better serve residents by creating a vibrant, multi-purpose amenity that compliments the park and encourages greater community use;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services be requested to direct the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on recommissioning the existing building at Vimy Ridge Memorial Park as a community gathering facility, including:

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Carried