

**CITY OF WINNIPEG POLICY NO. LW-006**

POLICY TITLE <i>Contribution in Lieu of Land Dedication Reserve Fund Policy</i>	ADOPTED BY <i>City Council</i>	EFFECTIVE DATE XXXXXXXXXX
ORIGIN / AUTHORITY <i>City Council</i>	CITY POLICY NO <i>LW-006</i>	MOST RECENT CONSOLIDATION XXX-XXX

1. Purpose:

The Contribution in Lieu of Land Dedication Reserve Fund (“LDR”) Policy establishes criteria for the administration of funds received from developers as Cash-in-Lieu of land dedication, in accordance with the City of Winnipeg Charter. The purpose of the fund is to support the creation or continuation of a physical legacy of parks and/or recreational facilities for the City of Winnipeg. Per LDR policy, funds are intended for the acquisition of land for parks or recreation facilities, as well as for the development of properties for parks and recreational purposes, and for the construction or renovation of recreation facilities on parks and recreation properties

Currently, all Cash-in-Lieu of open space dedication is distributed to Community Committees to contribute to projects within that community, in accordance with the specifications outlined in the Policy. There has been little to no uptake to utilize these funds for the acquisition of land. It is anticipated that there are a few reasons for this:

1. The market value of land is higher than what is available to each Community Committee and/or Ward and so it would take many years to amass enough funds to acquire land;
2. There is a high demand for LDR funds for many initiatives within each Community Committee and/or Ward; and
3. Land acquisition is a city-wide priority rather than an area-based interest.

The purpose of the proposed policy amendments is to allot a portion of all funds received as Cash-in-Lieu exclusively for the acquisition of city-wide parks and recreation land, in alignment with *Winnipeg Parks Strategy Policy*. This would not only enable the City to purchase land opportunistically, but would also provide the resources required to enable the City to receive land donations (e.g.: to undertake such things as land assessments and registering land on title, etc.), which the City currently does not have.

2. Amendment to *Contribution in Lieu of Land Dedication Reserve Fund Policy*

Policy amendments to the *Contributions in Lieu of Land Dedication Reserve Fund Policy* include:

Replace **Part 1 – Cash Payments Received**

1. Effective January 1st, 1991, 75% of every dollar collected for the Land Dedication Reserve is to be allocated by the Community Committee to Parks and Recreation projects in that community.
2. The remaining 25% of every dollar collected is to be redistributed on an equal basis back to all the communities.

With **Part 1 – Cash Payments Received**

1. 70% of every dollar collected for the Land Dedication Reserve is to be allocated by the Community Committee to Parks and Recreation projects in that community.
2. 20% of every dollar collected is to be redistributed on an equal basis back to all the communities.
3. 10% of every dollar collected be directed to the Parkland Acquisition Fund exclusively for the acquisition of new parklands city wide and associated costs.