EAST KILDONAN - TRANSCONA
RESIDENTS' ADVISORY GROUP
REPORT TO
East Kildonan / Transcona Community Committee
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REPORTS

1. **Semi Annual Summary of Delegated Authority to Award Per Capita, Land Dedication, and Community Incentive Grants**

It has been a while since we have commented on the Delegated Authority to Award Per Capita, Land Dedication and Community Incentive Grants and that time has come again. In the process of using 'Delegated Authority', we observe that there is a lack of transparency on both the content of the grant applications and the criteria used by the Councilors in making financial awards.

As we review the history of 'Delegated Authority' it is our position that it was never intended to be a permanent change to procedure.

At the April 26, 2023 EKT Community Committee meeting it was acknowledged this was supposed to be a temporary delegation of authority and there was a motion to refer this to Governance Committee to have this delegation of authority rescinded.

At the May 23, 2023 East Kildonan – Transcona Community Committee meeting both Councilors Browaty and Wyatt spoke about the need to move these items back into the public forum and that continuing this practice was a lost opportunity in terms of accountability that should be there. However, it appears this practice is continuing.

The East Kildonan / Transcona Residents' Advisory Group would support many of these grant requests and recognizes they are probably worthy causes, however, this Delegation of Authority to deal with these matters outside of the public forum does not support transparency.

There are also inaccuracies or wrong information being provided such as:

North Kildonan High School Scholarships
There is no North Kildonan High School. What school or schools do these five scholarships relate to?

There are also some requests that we believe should have been made available to the citizens of our community (and our City as a whole) as we have some questions related to some of this grant approvals.

Per Capita Grants Awarded from January 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026:
North East Historical Society (s/b North East Winnipeg Historical Society) $1,500 from Elmwood – East Kildonan Ward and $1,500 from North Kildonan Ward for "various programs and initiatives. These applications have previously been approved at the Community Committee meetings and we have suggested budgets be attached to these application forms. We believe the North East Winnipeg Historical Society is a valuable resource to the community and support their programs and initiatives. It would be more transparent, however, to identify those programs and initiatives.

Miles Mac Alumni $2,000 from Elmwood – East Kildonan Ward and $500 from North Kildonan Ward for "yearbook digitization".
Miles Mac Alumni has made requests for a Per Capita Grant in the past that included a request to professionally scan 2022 – 2024 yearbooks. In our notes of September 4, 2024 we had noted their request and said that we believed yearbooks for that time period would already be in a digital format. What exactly is this group digitizing? The previous Per Capita Grants had been approved by this Community Committee so why do they need even more money to digitize what should already be digitized.

St. John's High School $1,000 from Transcona Ward for "welding program"
We are unclear why this Per Capita request was approved in the Transcona Ward.

Donwood School $83.30 for "Library Field Trip"
It is our understanding the River East Transcona School Division has money allocated to support field trips. We are unclear why this was approved and what the funds were used for.

Land Dedication Reserve Fund Grants Awarded from January 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026:

<u>From Elmwood – East Kildonan Ward</u>
Hampstead School $20,000 for School Yard Improvements – Shade Structure project

Ecole Neil Campbell School Parent Advisory Council (PAC) $20,000.00 for “Playground Improvement Project ... – Accessible Swings

Ecole Salisbury Morse Place School $11,367.31 for “New Basketball Court Project”

If these projects had been presented to the Community Committee as Agenda Items it is likely we would have fully supported all of these improvements being made to the neighbourhood schools, however, it is our understanding the Province of Manitoba has implemented a fund for school improvements such as these and hopefully these types of projects will be funded by the Province, rather than the City, in the future.

Community Incentive Grants Awarded from January 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026:
We have reviewed the project eligibility for Community Incentive Grants and are unclear how this project would meet the requirements. We are not saying it is not a good project, just that a lot of money has been approved from the Community Incentive Grant pot to fund this project without any information to the general public.

Khalsa Diwan Society $25,000 from Elmwood – East Kildonan Ward; $25,000 from North Kildonan Ward and $25,000 from Transcona Ward for “construction of new multipurpose community hall”
We believe this is a capital asset that will be in use for more than one year but will it be available for public use or will it enhance public use of the space or facility? How will it be available to the whole community? Are there plans already developed? Have these plans been approved? Where?

2. **Proposed Opening of Headmaster Row and Stanley Copp Street, East of Lagimodière Boulevard – File No. DAO 1/2023**
We are unclear about this item. When we looked at Google Maps it appears there is already a street open and it is called “Fleury Way”. Is this a renaming of the street or the creation of a brand new street?

3. **Edward Schreyer Strategic Regional Transportation Infrastructure Cost Area Charge**
The East Kildonan / Transcona Residents’ Advisory Group is unsure how this will work – given charging an additional fee on developers has already been tried and failed (legally). We are supportive of recognizing Edward Schreyer but maybe the parkway isn’t the best way to do it. The City of Winnipeg is already financially strapped for money to repair our existing roads and now here we are, once again, talking about creating another that we do not even have the money to build, never mind maintain. Perhaps renaming an existing street or an existing or soon to

be created walking or biking path would be an alternative to recognizing Edward Schreyrer.

If this road does eventually receive the appropriate funding, through whatever method, and is built we would hope active transportation links will be developed alongside it.