

Agenda – Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development – October 3, 2024

REPORTS

Item No. 3 War Monument Relocation to Brookside Cemetery Field of Honour (Point Douglas Ward)

WINNIPEG PUBLIC SERVICE RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the City accept a gift in the form of the War Monument from Manitoba Métis Federation to be placed at the Brookside Cemetery in the location identified as “Proposed Relocation Site” on Misc. Plan 15354/2 attached as Schedule A to this report.
2. That the City receive final stamped plans, details and specifications of the foundation for the War Monument to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning, Property and Development and that Manitoba Métis Federation (or its partners) install and construct the foundation in accordance with the approved plans.
3. That the City enter into, execute and deliver a Donation Agreement with Manitoba Métis Federation (or assignee) for the donation of the War Monument and such other agreements as determined necessary by the City Solicitor / Director of Legal Services to implement the intent of the foregoing (the “Ancillary Agreements”).
4. That authority be delegated to the Director of Planning, Property and Development 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.
5. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: War Monument Relocation to Brookside Cemetery Field of Honour

Critical Path: Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Public Service recommends accepting the War Monument located at 335 Main Street as a gift from the Manitoba Métis Federation, the National Government of the Red River Métis. The acceptance of the gift, which commemorates 231 Bank of Montreal staff members who gave their lives during the First World War, will allow the War Monument to be relocated from its present location at 335 Main Street to the Brookside Cemetery Field of Honour. The relocation is necessary for the reopening of Portage and Main to pedestrians.

If the recommendations of this report are approved, the City will be responsible for the cost of ongoing maintenance, while the Manitoba Métis Federation and its partners will be responsible for the cost of relocation.

The Bank of Montreal and Royal Canadian Legion of Manitoba and Northwest Ontario were consulted and actively support the relocation plan.

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REASON FOR THE REPORT

In accordance with section 11(y) of City Organization By-law No. 7100/97, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development has the authority to accept or reject gifts from the public for placement on Civic property other than parks.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

If the recommendations are approved, the City will be responsible for ongoing maintenance of the monument. Costs are expected to be nominal.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

Located at the southeast corner of Portage Avenue and Main Street is a War Monument with the following inscription - "PATRIA TO OUR MEN WHO FELL IN THE GREAT WAR 1914 – 1918"

The Manitoba Historical Society Archives describes the War Monument as follows:

"Unveiled on 5 December 1923 in front of the Bank of Montreal in Winnipeg, this bronze statue of a First World War soldier replaced a temporary cenotaph that had stood on this corner from 1920 to early 1923. It had been built through the effort of the Women's Canadian Club and Eva Lillian Jones by the construction firm of Carter-Halls-Aldinger at a cost of about \$1,500.

The 1923 monument commemorates the 231 bank employees from across Canada who died in the conflict. It was sculpted by noted American sculptor James Earle Fraser (1876-1953) and modeled after Captain Wynn Bagnall (1890-1931) of the 58th Field Artillery, a member of the bank's Winnipeg staff."

The War Monument is presently located on the boundary of 335 Main Street and the Main Street right-of-way. Due to the at-grade reopening of Portage and Main to pedestrians, the War Monument does not allow for sufficient space for pedestrians to cross the intersection. The Manitoba Métis Federation has agreed to gift the War Monument to the City. It is recommended that the War Monument be relocated to a setting which pays tribute to the those who served.

The City of Winnipeg honours Veterans at both the Brookside Cemetery and Transcona Cemetery within the Field of Honour. The Field of Honour offers interment services to all Veterans with the same level of recognition – regardless of rank, race, religion or creed – while

being commemorated individually. Combined with the Stone of Remembrance and other military monuments, the War Monument will have an ideal setting for commemoration within the Brookside Cemetery Field of Honour. Fittingly, the War Monument memorializes fallen soldiers from World War I and the Field of Honour was created for the interment of Veterans returning from World War I.

The proposed relocation site for the War Monument is identified in Schedule A of this report.

The Bank of Montreal and Royal Canadian Legion of Manitoba and Northwest Ontario were consulted and actively support the relocation plan.

Project Name:

War Monument Relocation to Brookside Cemetery Field of Honour

COMMENTS:

As the ongoing maintenance costs are expected to be nominal, there are no financial implications associated with this report.

Mike McGinn Sep. 9, 2024

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Manager of Finance

CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with:

- Legal Services, as to legal issues

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

Goal: City Building

6.43 Heritage Conservation

Conserve cultural, natural, and heritage resources and districts, as defined in Complete Communities, and Indigenous land-based practices to celebrate sense of place through community history, architecture, civic identity and cultural perspectives.

WINNIPEG CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ALIGNMENT

Consideration was given as to whether this report connects to any of the Strategic Opportunities and Key Directions in the Climate Action Plan and it was determined that the Plan is not applicable to this specific report.

WINNIPEG POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY ALIGNMENT

Consideration was given as to whether this report connects to any of the specific Goals and Objectives in the Poverty Reduction Strategy (PRS), as well as the corresponding 2021-2023 Implementation Plan, and it was determined that the Strategy is not applicable to this specific report.

SUBMITTED BY

Department: Planning, Property and Development
Division: Real Estate and Land Development
Prepared by: Gord Chappell Real Estate Administrator
Date: September 9, 2024

Attachment:

Schedule A – Misc. Plan 15354/1

Schedule A



PROPOSED RELOCATION SITE

Date: 2024-SEP-05
 District: ASBA
 File: Not Available
 Scale: 1:5500
 Requested by: GC
 Drawn by: JP
 Reference Dwg No.: Misc. Plan No. 15354/1
 War Monument Relocation - BMO Presentation.pdf



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MISC. PLAN NO. 15354/2