



Executive Committee

**Wednesday, May 15, 2019
11:45 AM**

Henry Baker Hall, Main Floor, City Hall



OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

**Public Agenda
Executive Committee
Wednesday, May 15, 2019**

Approval of Public Agenda**Adoption of Minutes**

Minutes from the meeting held on April 17, 2019

Administration Reports

EX19-19 City of Regina – Host Municipality for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) 2022 Annual Conference and Trade Show and the 2022 Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA) Annual Conference

Recommendation

1. That the City Manager be authorized to negotiate and enter into an agreement with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to host the 2022 Annual Conference and Trade Show occurring June 2 to 5, 2022.
2. That the City Manager be authorized to negotiate and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to host the 2022 Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA) Conference and Annual General Meeting occurring May 30 to June 1, 2022.
3. That the City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreements with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators, upon review and approval of the City Solicitor.
4. That this report be forwarded to the May 27, 2019 meeting of City Council for approval.



OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

EX19-20 City of Regina – City of Fujioka, Japan – Friendship City Agreement

Recommendation

1. That the Mayor be approved to enter into a Friendship City Agreement between the City of Regina and the City of Fujioka, Gunma, Japan, as outlined in Appendix A.
2. That the Administration be directed to develop guidelines for assessment criteria involved in determining both Sister City Agreements and Friendship City Agreements by Q4 of 2019.
3. That this report be forwarded to the May 27, 2019 City Council meeting for approval.

EX19-21 Heritage Neighbourhood Summer Programming

Recommendation

1. That the transit route changes outlined in Appendix B be approved and implemented effective June 10, 2019.
2. That this report be forwarded to the May 27, 2019 meeting of City Council for approval.

Resolution for Private Session

AT REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2019

AT A MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

HELD IN PUBLIC SESSION

AT 11:45 AM

These are considered a draft rendering of the official minutes. Official minutes can be obtained through the Office of the City Clerk once approved.

Present: Councillor John Findura, in the Chair
Mayor Michael Fougere
Councillor Jerry Flegel
Councillor Bob Hawkins
Councillor Jason Mancinelli
Councillor Mike O'Donnell
Councillor Andrew Stevens
Councillor Barbara Young

Regrets: Councillor Lori Bresciani
Councillor Sharron Bryce
Councillor Joel Murray

Also in Attendance: City Clerk, Jim Nicol
Deputy City Clerk, Amber Ackerman
City Manager, Chris Holden
City Solicitor, Byron Werry
Executive Director, Citizen Services, Kim Onrait
A/Exec Director, Citizen Experience, Innovation & Performance, Carole Tink
Executive Director, City Planning & Community Dev., Diana Hawryluk
Exec. Director, Financial Strategy & Sustainability, Barry Lacey
Director, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services, Laurie Shalley
Legal Counsel, Cheryl Willoughby
Manager, Community & Cultural Development, Emmaline Hill
Manager, Infrastructure Planning, Geoff Brown

(The meeting commenced in the absence of Councillors Flegel and Mancinelli)

APPROVAL OF PUBLIC AGENDA

Councillor Bob Hawkins moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the agenda for this meeting be approved, as submitted, and that the delegations be heard in the order they are called by the Chair.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Mayor Michael Fougere moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the minutes for the meeting held on March 13, 2019 be adopted, as circulated.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

EX19-13 City of Regina and Cowessess First Nation - Municipal Services and Compatibility Agreement

Recommendation

1. That the Municipal Services and Compatibility Agreement (MSA) between the City of Regina (City) and Cowessess First Nation (Cowessess), attached as Appendix A to this report, be approved.
2. That the City Solicitor be instructed to bring forward the necessary bylaw authorizing execution of the Municipal Services and Compatibility Agreement.
3. That the City Clerk be authorized to execute the Municipal Services and Compatibility Agreement upon review and approval of the City Solicitor.
4. That this report be forwarded to the April 29, 2019 City Council meeting for approval.

(Councillor Flegel arrived at the meeting)

Councillor Mike O'Donnell moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the recommendations contained in the report be concurred in.

EX19-14 Economic Development Regina Inc. (EDR) - Annual Submittals 2019

Recommendation

1. That the Executive Director, Financial Strategy & Sustainability, as the City's proxy, be authorized to exercise the City of Regina's voting rights at the upcoming Economic Development Regina Inc. (EDR) annual general meeting as follows:
 - a) Approve the audited financial statements for the 2018 operating year;
 - b) Approve the 2018 Annual Report;
 - c) Approve the 2019 Business Plan;
 - d) Approve the 2019 Operating Budget; and
 - e) Appoint MNP LLP as the auditor of EDR for the 2019 financial statement

year, pursuant to section 149 of The Non-profit Corporations Act, 1995 (Saskatchewan).

2. This report be forwarded to the April 29, 2019 meeting of City Council for approval.

John Lee, Tina Svedahl and Kim Exner, representing Economic Development Regina Inc, addressed and answered questions of the Committee.

Mayor Michael Fougere moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the recommendations contained in the report be concurred in.

EX19-15 Regina Downtown Business Improvement District - 2019 Budget

Recommendation

1. That Regina Downtown Business Improvement District Board's 2019 budget as detailed in Appendix A be approved.
2. That this report be forwarded to the April 29, 2019 City Council meeting for approval.

Judith Veresuk, representing Regina Downtown Business Improvement District, addressed the Committee.

Mayor Michael Fougere moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the recommendations contained in the report be concurred in.

EX19-16 Regina's Warehouse Business Improvement District - 2019 Budget

Recommendation

1. That Regina's Warehouse Business Improvement District Board's 2019 budget as detailed in Appendix A be approved.
2. That this report be forwarded to the April 29, 2019 City Council meeting for approval.

Leasa Gibbons, representing Regina Warehouse Business Improvement District, addressed and answered questions of the Committee.

Councillor Mike O'Donnell moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the recommendations contained in the report be concurred in.

EX19-17 The Regina Exhibition Association Limited (REAL) 2018 Annual Submittals

Recommendation

1. That the Executive Director Financial Strategy & Sustainability, as the City's proxy, be authorized to exercise the City of Regina's voting rights in REAL at

the Annual General meeting taking place on April 30, 2019 as follows:

- a) Approve the Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements for the 2018 operating year (Appendix A);
 - b) Approve the 2019 operating and capital budgets (Appendix B);
 - c) Appoint MNP LLP as auditor for REAL for the 2019 financial statement year, pursuant to section 149 of *The Non-profit Corporations Act, 1995* (Saskatchewan); and
 - d) Approve the REAL General Bylaw amendments as outlined in Appendix C.
2. That the City Solicitor be instructed to repeal Bylaw 9381, a Bylaw of the City of Regina to Provide for the Appointment of Two Persons to the Board of Directors of the Regina Exhibition Association Limited.
 3. That this report be forwarded to the April 29, 2019 meeting of City Council for approval.

Tim Reid, Sandra Masters and Ken Budzak, representing Regina Exhibition Association Limited, addressed and answered questions of the Committee.

(Councillor Mancinelli arrived at the meeting)

Councillor Barbara Young moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the recommendations contained in the report be concurred in.

Councillor Findura declared a conflict of interest respecting EX19-18, citing his role as the President of the Regina Multicultural Council, abstained from discussion and voting and left the meeting.

Councillor John Findura stepped down from the Chair.

Councillor Mike O'Donnell assumed the Chair.

EX19-18 2019 Special Event Major Grants – 1st Deadline

Recommendation

1. That the following community investment grants totalling \$100,000 be approved:
 - a) Circle Project Association Inc. - \$15,000 for the 22nd Annual National Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration

- b) Regina Folk Festival Inc. - \$25,000 for All Our Relations: 50 years of the Regina Folk Festival
 - c) Regina Multicultural Council Inc. - \$35,000 for Mosaic: A Festival of Cultures transportation
 - d) Regina Canada Day Committee - \$25,000 for Regina Canada Day 2019 Celebration
2. That the funding for these grants be provided in the amount of \$100,000 from the approved 2019 General Operating Budget allocated for Other Executive Committee Grants.

The following addressed and answered questions of the Committee:

- Patty Humphreys, representing Regina Canada Day Committee
- Dayle Schroeder-Hillier, representing Regina Folk Festival Inc.
- Oksanna Zwarych, representing Regina Multicultural Council Inc.

Councillor Bob Hawkins moved that the recommendations contained in the report be concurred in.

Councillor Andrew Steven moved, in amendment, that an additional \$10,000 be allocated to the Regina Folk Festival Inc.

The motion was put and declared LOST.

The main motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLUTION FOR PRIVATE SESSION

Councillor Jerry Flegel moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that in the interest of the public, the remainder items on the agenda be considered in private.

RECESS

Councillor Jerry Flegel moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the Committee recess for ten minutes.

The Committee recessed at 1:35 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary

May 15, 2019

To: Members
Executive Committee

Re: City of Regina – Host Municipality for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) 2022 Annual Conference and Trade Show and the 2022 Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA) Annual Conference

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CONCLUSION

In July 2016, the City of Regina (City) supported the Events Alliance (Economic Development Regina, Regina Hotels Association, University of Regina, Wascana Centre Authority, Tourism Saskatchewan, Evraz Place and Conventions Regina) in a bid to host the FCM Annual Conference and Trade Show (Conference) in 2021 or 2022. The City's support for the bid was authorized by a Council Motion (MN16-7) approved on July 25, 2016.

The City of Regina was awarded as the host municipality for the FCM Conference in 2022 (June 2 to 5). To formally accept the hosting opportunity, the City must enter into an agreement with FCM. The agreement sets out specific financial and operational obligations, duties and responsibilities for the City and FCM.

The CAMA Annual Conference, the companion to the FCM Conference, immediately precedes the FCM Conference and is, for the most part, attended by Chief Administrative Officers/City Managers and senior municipal administrative staff. Hosting this Conference requires entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that prescribes specific financial and operational duties and responsibilities for the City and CAMA.

BACKGROUND

FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show attracts approximately 2,000 delegates, 500 companions, 600 exhibitor staff (private sector and government departments), the most senior federal government elected officials and opinion makers from across Canada to the host city each year.

Five to six years in advance of the date of the event, all member municipalities are notified of FCM's intention to invite submissions to host the Conference. The locations for the Conference normally rotate throughout FCM's five Canadian regions: (1) British Columbia; (2) Prairies and Territories; (3) Ontario, (4) Quebec, and; (5) Atlantic. In terms of the hosting decision, based on a set of mandatory criteria, FCM staff evaluate the submissions and make recommendations to the FCM Board of Directors. The board is responsible for making the final decision.

The event provides the opportunity for municipal leaders to learn from colleagues and experts, share ideas and participate in local tours that showcase innovation in responding to local challenges that are applicable across Canada.

The City of Halifax hosted the 2018 FCM Conference that occurred May 31 to June 3. Halifax welcomed more than 2,000 municipal delegates and nearly 3,500 participants overall, including companions, trade show exhibitors and special guests. This number exceeded Halifax's Conference numbers from 2011, when it last hosted the Conference. In addition, there were 7,015 hotel rooms sold.

As part of the FCM agreement, FCM collects the delegate fees from each registered delegate and transfers a per capita amount to the host city. This delegate fee is determined and approved by the FCM Board on an annual basis. According to a report provided from Halifax Administration, the 2018 per capita amount was \$153 per delegate, which at 1,997 delegates, amounted to \$305,541 in revenue. In addition, FCM forwards a payment to the host city for all fees collected for the companion tours, as well as any additional tickets purchased for social events.

The City of Regina's hosting costs will also be offset by a contribution from the Regina Hotels Association consisting of \$75,000 in cash. In addition, Tourism Regina has offered \$5,000 in-kind which includes services, such as a customized webpage feature on SEEYQR, city information and print material.

The total costs to cities hosting the FCM Conference in previous years varies due to many factors, including: (1) number of delegates and companions in attendance; (2) study tours customized to showcase specific local projects, landmarks and tourism sites; (3) locally designed social events (opening ceremony, Mayor's welcome reception and gala); (4) amount of sponsorship revenue generated; and (5) customized companion tours.

The total costs to Halifax for hosting the 2018 FCM Conference were \$91,105.

The CAMA Annual Conference is held in the same location, or vicinity, as the FCM Conference.

Attracting approximately 400 delegates, exhibitors and companions, the Annual Conference is growing every year.

The City of Regina's total hosting costs are expected to be in-line with the costs incurred by other municipalities who have hosted in the past.

DISCUSSION

The agreement to host the FCM Conference in 2022 contains specific obligations for both FCM and the City, as follows:

City obligations:

- Participate in and donate a prize for the 2021 Conference and Trade Show for the purpose of promoting attendance at the 2022 Conference in Regina. FCM provides a complimentary booth space. The host municipality will provide a tourism and information booth with service in both English and French.
- The City may hold a separate Mayor's Welcome Reception on the Friday evening or may opt to co-host a welcome reception with FCM during the official trade show opening on the Thursday evening. The costs of this reception are shared between FCM and the City. Should the City wish to showcase local entertainment during this shared reception, it would assume all costs for entertainment and any equipment required (i.e. audio-visual equipment such as sound system, microphones, staging, etc.).
- Provide three daily continental breakfasts (muffins, pastries, fruits, coffee, tea, juice) and morning coffee breaks (coffee, tea) for all delegates during the Conference.
- Host a gala dinner on the Sunday evening of the conference (traditional seated dinner), with the City being responsible for the costs of entertainment, audio-video equipment, lighting, etc.
- Provide a study tours program with service in both official languages as required (including transportation).
- Provide a companion/volunteer lounge (include coffee, tea, water and snacks).
- Provide frequent and regular shuttle bus transportation between hotels and the Conference Facility (if the distance from the conference facility to the hotels is greater than 0.7 kilometres). Transportation is also required for the study and companion tours and all social events.
- Provide a City of Regina tourism and information booth, with service in both official languages.
- FCM will provide the City with a maximum of ten complimentary full registration passes for the Conference, and a maximum of four complimentary full registration passes for the 2021 Conference and Trade Show.

In addition, the City would agree to provide FCM with volunteers to assist with on-site logistical requirements. Recruitment and training of the volunteers is also the host municipality's responsibility, as are any associated volunteer costs. In 2018, Halifax recruited approximately 100 volunteers for on-site activities and an additional 60 for the study tour program. All 160 volunteers recruited were Halifax staff.

The costs involved with hosting the conference are offset by an FCM per capita amount. In 2018, the per capita amount was \$153 per delegate. The City retains all revenue to offset hosting costs through local sponsorship opportunities. In addition, the Regina Hotels Association has committed to providing a sponsorship of \$75,000. Conventions Regina has offered support to plan and defray travel and accommodation costs for two site visits with an in-kind value of \$5,000.

As part of the conference program, study tours and companion programs are offered. In 2018, Halifax registered 1,400 delegates for its study tours. For the companion activities and tours, 916 people participated. To note, the companion activities are offered on a cost-recovery basis.

The bid submission for the 2022 Conference included a list of suggested study tours and companion program/tours, attached as Appendix A.

FCM Obligations:

- Preliminary Conference program (on-line);
- Final Conference Program;
- Trade Show;
- Delegate luncheon at the Trade Show on the Friday and Saturday;
- Delegate luncheon during elections on the Sunday;
- Pre-Conference and on-site process for delegates;
- Selling and administering tickets for the Host Municipality's organized tours and social events;
- Financial responsibility for rental of facilities required for the Conference Program;
- Audio-visual equipment;
- Simultaneous interpretation and equipment;
- Recruitment of all workshop speakers;
- National sponsorship program;
- FCM Secretariat, Media Room and staff workrooms;
- All costs related to FCM staff participation (compensation, travel and accommodations);
- French and English translation for the conference programs, signage and all FCM documents related to the Conference that are posted on the FCM website;
- Selection and financial responsibility for host hotels.

Joint Obligations:

- Each of the Parties agrees to supply the necessary qualified personnel resources required to meet or exceed the expectations and/or fulfill their respective obligations and commitments provided for in the Agreement.

- Regina agrees to translate into French and English all documents it distributes, as well as any posters, banners, signage and advertising related to the Conference. FCM agrees to provide an editing service to ensure consistency and accuracy between the texts.

The commitment to host the CAMA Annual Conference is less onerous and costly, and includes:

- City of Regina tourism booths (in both English and French);
- Responsibility for the Registration desk;
- Study tours (including transportation);
- Although no formal “ask”, cities are most welcome to provide either/or funding or in-kind services.
- Create a two to three minute video, showcasing the city and its attractions.

RECOMMENDATION IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

Based on the cost estimates of previous host cities, Administration expects the costs to be in the same range. Without additional sponsors, besides the Regina Hotels Association, the costs to host both the FCM and CAMA conferences will be in the range of \$150,000.

Environmental Implications

No environmental impacts associated with this report. However, hosting requirements include “sustainability criteria”, as the goal of the FCM and the City is to deliver a sustainable event. The City will work closely with FCM to reduce the waste and carbon foot printing generated by the Conference.

Policy and/or Strategic Implications

Attracting a large-scale event, such as the FCM Conference fits into the vision of the Events Alliance, of which the City of Regina is a member.

Other Implications

None with respect to this report.

Accessibility Implications

None with respect to this report. However, any potential accessibility implications associated with hosting the event will be adhered to.

COMMUNICATIONS

No communication activities with respect to this report.

DELEGATED AUTHORITY

The recommendations contained in this report require City Council approval.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sheila Harmatiuk,
Senior Advisor
Government and Indigenous Relations

Respectfully submitted,

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For/Chris Holden,
City Manager

Appendix A

FCM 2022 study tour/companion program options:

Study Tour Options:

- Regina Stadium
- Railyard Renewal Project
- Regina Bypass Project
- Global Transportation Hub
- Waste Water Treatment Plant

Companion Program Options:

1. Heritage and History:
RCMP Heritage Centre;
Government House.
2. “Life’s a Beach”:
Regina Beach.
3. Regina Art Tour:
Dunlop Art Gallery;
Creative City Centre;
Assiniboia Gallery;
Art Gallery of Regina;
MacKenzie Art Gallery.
4. Day in Wascana Centre:
Wascana Centre;
Legislative Building;
Royal Saskatchewan Museum;
Saskatchewan Science Centre.

CAMA 2022 study tour/companion program options:

Study Tour Options:

- As listed above in the FCM Conference Study Tour Options.

Companion Program Options:

- Saskatchewan Legislative Building
- MacKenzie Art Gallery
- Royal Saskatchewan Museum
- Saskatchewan Science Centre
- Government House
- Last Mountain Distillery
- Over the Hill Orchards
- Saskatchewan Sports Hall of fame
- High Tea at the Hotel Saskatchewan/Radisson Plaza

May 15, 2019

To: Members
Executive Committee

Re: City of Regina – City of Fujioka, Japan – Friendship City Agreement

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Mayor be approved to enter into a Friendship City Agreement between the City of Regina and the City of Fujioka, Gunma, Japan, as outlined in Appendix A.
2. That the Administration be directed to develop guidelines for assessment criteria involved in determining both Sister City Agreements and Friendship City Agreements by Q4 of 2019.
3. That this report be forwarded to the May 27, 2019 City Council meeting for approval.

CONCLUSION

Due to an existing, longstanding educational relationship that began in 1991 between Fujioka and the Regina Public School and Regina Catholic School Divisions, and the University of Regina, the City of Regina has been involved in and invited to several events and initiatives supporting this relationship. As a result, a relationship was formed between the respective Mayors and Administrative staff from the cities of Regina and Fujioka.

To formalize the relationship between the two cities, Fujioka has requested that the City of Regina enter into a Friendship City Agreement. Entering into this Agreement formalizes the longstanding relationship and invites, encourages and facilitates cultural and economic ties and opportunities between the cities and perhaps the province/prefecture.

The primary goal of a friendship city relationship is to open lines of communication and share information between cities, while creating an environment of goodwill. While funding limitations may preclude travel or more formal program activities, Friendship City Agreements provide opportunities to initiative information exchanges and the ability to generate community interest and support. Depending on the mutual interest and benefits to both cities, a Friendship City Agreement can lead to a Sister City Agreement.

BACKGROUND

Establishment of a friendship city relationship is a way for cities to initiate and formalize relationships with international cities, on a less formal basis than through an official sister city relationship. Friendship city engagement with foreign municipalities fosters increased global cooperation and communication at the municipal level for the benefit of participating cities.

Friendship City Agreements differ from Sister City or Twinning Agreements as they do not involve prescribed funding or other resources to achieve specific goals and objectives, apart from hospitality associated with a meeting or reception and minor administrative expenses such as the preparation of reports and documents for signing.

A Sister City Agreement takes some time to establish and must include more than protocol visits. Commonalities that involve economic development, arts and cultural components, trade opportunities and other joint similarities and ventures must be involved. In addition, Sister City Agreements not only involve the municipalities, but also demonstrated linkages and partnerships to major industry, agricultural producers and other community stakeholders.

The City of Regina has one Sister City Agreement with the City of Jinan, Shandong Province, China. Archived records show that this Agreement was originally entered into in August 1987, and focused on economic, cultural and urban development exchanges. Generally, Sister City Agreements are more prescriptive in nature, specifying the need and number of protocol visits and costs of hosting such visits. The cities of Regina and Jinan still maintain contact but have not been involved in personal visits for about a decade or so.

Many major cities in Canada and the United States have current and active Sister City arrangements; however, there are many factors involved, such as the amount of direct economic benefits and connections to major investment opportunities, as well as a commitment to a specified number of protocol visits and the costs of hosting international delegations.

DISCUSSION

Fujioka is a city located in southwestern Gunma Prefecture in the northern region of Japan, with an estimated population of approximately 67,000. Like Saskatchewan, Gunma is land locked.

As noted above, the Regina-Fujioka Student Exchange Program (RFSEP) was created in 1991 and continues to be active today. In addition, the University of Regina offers Japanese language instruction. The Department of International Languages also offers Bachelor of Arts in Japanese, which is very unique in Canada. The University of Regina and Gunma University of Health and Welfare entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to facilitate student exchanges and to collaborate on various research projects.

In terms of economic ties between Saskatchewan and Japan, the main agricultural exports from Saskatchewan are canola, wheat and barley. Other exports include flour, potash and uranium. Crop research has been shared between the two provinces, as well.

The primary principles and commitments outlined in the Friendship Agreement are as follows:

- to promote and celebrate international diversity, inclusion of peoples, practices and societies;
- to foster mutual understanding, cooperation, respect, communication, international goodwill and the sharing of information;

- to meaningful collaboration and exploration of mutually beneficial opportunities in the areas of social, education, economic, arts and cultural activities between the cities and community stakeholders;
- to create awareness of, and to promote and exchange ideas, initiatives and information respective to individual cultures.

Mayor Arai and Administrative staff from the City of Fujioka have reviewed and accepted the terms and conditions of the attached Friendship City Agreement, and upon consideration and approval by Regina City Council, welcome the opportunity to visit Regina in August for a formal signing ceremony.

RECOMMENDATION IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

Apart from minor costs associated with hospitality (meeting or reception) and minor administrative expenses such as the preparation of reports and documents for signing, there are no financial implications involved with entering into a Friendship City Agreement with the City of Fujioka.

Environmental Implications

None with respect to this report.

Policy and/or Strategic Implications

Due to the existing relationships and potential for global economic development opportunities, research development and other shared interests, the Administration sees value in formalizing a Friendship City Agreement.

Other Implications

None with respect to this report.

Accessibility Implications

None with respect to this report.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Arai, City of Fujioka, and administrative staff are visiting Regina early August, at which time the Friendship Agreement will be officially signed.

DELEGATED AUTHORITY

The recommendations contained in this report require City Council approval.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sheila Harmatiuk
Senior Advisor,
Government & Indigenous Relations

Respectfully submitted,

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For/Chris Holden
City Manager

Appendix A



Fujioka logo

Friendship City Agreement

Between the

City of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada

and

City of Fujioka, Gunma, Japan

Preamble:

WHEREAS: It is recognized that there are significant benefits to a Friendship Agreement for the purpose of promoting open lines of communication, sharing knowledge and information regarding diverse cultures, languages and practices of each Party; and

WHEREAS: It is recognized that this Friendship Agreement will provide linkages and foster new and existing opportunities for a wide range of cultural, educational, recreational and economic benefits with community stakeholders in both municipalities; and

WHEREAS: The Friendship City Agreement, involves an official signing of the Agreement by the Mayors, or designated representatives, from the Parties, to promote strong and meaningful cultural and educational global cooperation and civic level engagement; and

WHEREAS: The Friendship City relationship is a demonstration of goodwill between the Parties (City of Regina and the City of Fujioka) that does not carry prescribed funding or other resources to achieve specific goals and objectives, apart from hospitality associated with a Mayoral meeting or reception and minor administrative expenses such as the preparation of reports and documents for signing; and

WHEREAS: The Friendship Agreement will be reviewed every four years; and may be terminated, in whole or in part, when such action is deemed appropriate by either Party;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That based on the aforementioned principles, the Parties will collectively and cooperatively work to create, strengthen and support international linkages, shared opportunities and global connectivity.

Based on the principles of promoting and celebrating international diversity, inclusion of peoples, practices and societies:

A commitment to foster mutual understanding, cooperation, respect, communication, international goodwill and the sharing of information;

A commitment to meaningful collaboration and exploration of mutually beneficial opportunities in the areas of social, education, economic, arts and cultural activities between the cities and respective community stakeholders;

A commitment to create awareness of, and to promote and exchange ideas, initiatives and information respective to individual cultures;

Therefore

We commit to support this Friendship Agreement with the intent and purpose of global connectivity and partnership opportunities

In witness whereof, the Parties have executed this

Friendship Agreement

In effect from the dates of signatures

**His Worship Mayor Fougere
Mayor of Regina, Saskatchewan**

**His Worship Mayor Arai
Mayor of Fujioka, Japan**

May 15, 2019

To: Members
Executive Committee

Re: Heritage Neighbourhood Summer Programming

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the transit route changes outlined in Appendix B be approved and implemented effective June 10, 2019.
2. That this report be forwarded to the May 27, 2019 meeting of City Council for approval.

CONCLUSION

The City of Regina (City) is committed to ensuring strong recreation options exist in the Heritage neighbourhood during and after the construction of a new Maple Leaf Pool. A collaborative approach with the Heritage Community Association and neighbourhood schools has allowed for a substantial public engagement process to occur over the first few months of 2019. That feedback has been incorporated, resulting in recreation and programming options that respond directly to the priorities of the community. If approved, the recommendation along with Administration's programming will ensure that children, youth, families and other residents have options for participation within the neighbourhood, as well as opportunities to travel by public transit a short distance to Wascana Pool, without facing any financial barriers.

BACKGROUND

Maple Leaf Pool has reached the end of its useful life and is being rebuilt in 2019 and 2020. The pool will be decommissioned prior to the 2019 season. City Council has committed to provide additional child and youth directed summer programming in the Heritage neighbourhood while Maple Leaf Pool is closed and to ensure access for Heritage residents to Wascana Pool during the 2019 season. City administration has collaborated with the Heritage Community Association to engage residents on design of recreation programming and improvements to transportation and access to Wascana Pool.

DISCUSSION

Community Engagement:

The engagement and consultation was undertaken in close collaboration with the Heritage Community Association. The chart in Appendix D summarizes the timeline including the focus of each session and high-level findings. A summarized plan for recreation programming in the

Heritage neighbourhood based on this consultation, including plans that address transportation to Wascana Pool, follows.

Heritage Neighbourhood Summer Recreation Strategy:

PlayEscapes Summer Program

Through the months of July and August, the City will operate a PlayEscapes site at Thomson Community School. The PlayEscapes model provides leader-facilitated play opportunities for children aged 5 – 12 that develops life skills, creativity, imagination and positive self-image, while promoting an active lifestyle. Programming prioritizes inclusion, accessibility and diversity and staff are trained in working with diverse populations and inclusion of people experiencing disability, Indigenous communities, Newcomers to Canada, and the gender and sexually diverse community.

PlayEscapes will operate at Thomson School Monday to Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and will include a lunch program delivered in partnership with one of the City's food security partners. In addition to recreation, sport, art, and culture programming the Thomson site will prioritize two to three excursions to Wascana Pool per week (weather dependant).

Youth-Directed Programming

This program will be a free, leader-facilitated recreation program, targeting youth in the grade 8 to grade 12 range. As per feedback from the youth at Thomson Community School, and Miller and Balfour High Schools, this program will be available Monday to Friday, with options available in the afternoon and evening. The location for this site is yet to be determined but will be in the Heritage neighbourhood or in close proximity.

This program will offer a range of recreation, sport, and culture programming, including guest instructors to facilitate 'try-it' sessions that will be chose by the youth attending the program. Similar to the other program options, supervised outings will be planned to attend Wascana Pool, among other community destinations. All excursions and programming accessed via City programming will be free of cost to participants.

Transit Access to Wascana Pool

Route 15 Heritage, a small community route, currently operates adjacent to Maple Leaf Pool on Winnipeg Street. It operates Monday to Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 45-minute intervals. If the recommendation contained in this report is approved, the Route 15 will be adjusted to add a stop close to Wascana Pool on College Avenue. Keeping the route on College between Winnipeg and Broad Street offsets any extra time added by the new stop to maintain schedule adherence. The current Route 15 can be seen in Appendix A. The proposed changes can be seen in Appendix B.

Route changes will take effect June 10, 2019 to be in place for the outdoor pool season. This change is proposed to continue throughout the school year as there are few negative implications

(only one rider per week accessed transit from the impacted stop) and benefits to providing an additional service to Miller and Balfour high schools.

Route 8 Normandy Heights/Eastview (Appendix C) currently services the Wascana Pool. It also travels through the Heritage neighbourhood and is an additional option for residents to access Wascana Pool.

A unique bus pass has been developed that will provide individuals with free travel to and from the Wascana Pool via transit Routes 8 and 15. The pass will be distributed to residents within the Heritage neighbourhood and surrounding areas who intend to access Wascana pool via those routes.

Wascana Pool Admission

Through budget deliberations on the renewal of the Maple Leaf and Wascana pools, Administration committed to free access to Wascana Pool for Heritage neighbourhood residents for the 2019 season. This aligns with service residents would have received at Maple Leaf Pool. However, there were concerns that this approach would create inequitable access to a central recreation facility that services the city as a whole. Administration has determined that admission to Wascana Pool for all residents will be waived between the hours of noon and 8 p.m. for the summer of 2019; this approach has the added benefit of increasing participation in aquatic recreation and setting a celebratory tone for the final season of operation of the much-loved facility.

RECOMMENDATION IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

The annual operating budget of Maple Leaf Pool is \$60,000. That budget has been allocated in 2019 to fund the programming described in this report, and ancillary costs such as printing of the unique Heritage resident bus pass. At this time the additional programming is intended to run until Maple Leaf Pool reopens.

It is anticipated the City will forego up to \$60,000 in revenue from admissions and drop-in fees due to the decision to waive fees at Wascana Pool between noon and 8 p.m.

Environmental Implications

None with respect to this report.

Policy and/or Strategic Implications

As per the Recreation Master Plan (RMP), every resident will have reasonable access to publicly supported recreation activities and, as noted in the plan, aquatics is one of the most important recreation services a municipality can provide. The provision of recreation services to children

and youth in the Heritage neighbourhood, including facilitated transportation to Wascana pool, strongly aligns with the RMP.

The RMP also notes inclusion and access as a current and future priority for service delivery. Through the tactics outlined in this report the City will ensure that recreation opportunities are as accessible as possible, removing barriers of physical access, affordability, and knowledge of services, even when the neighbourhood's main recreation facility is closed.

Other Implications

None with respect to this report

Accessibility Implications

Accessibility implications, including financial and physical barriers (location), are being addressed through the public transit and Wascana pool admission plans that are outlined within this report.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department has worked very closely with the Citizen Experience Department throughout the entirety of the community engagement phase of this project, and will continue to do so as programming details are released to the public

DELEGATED AUTHORITY

The recommendation contained within this report requires City Council approval.

Respectfully submitted,



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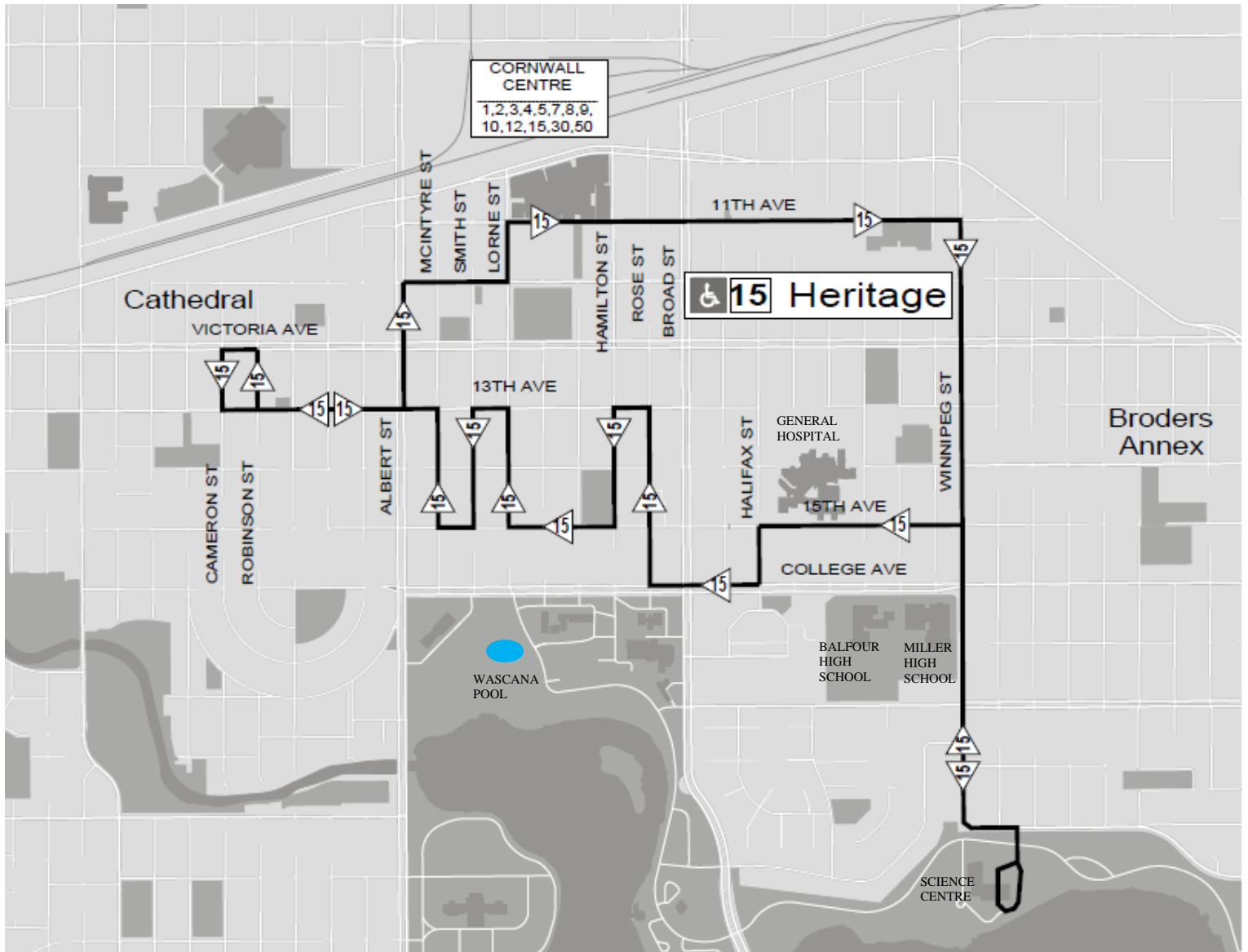


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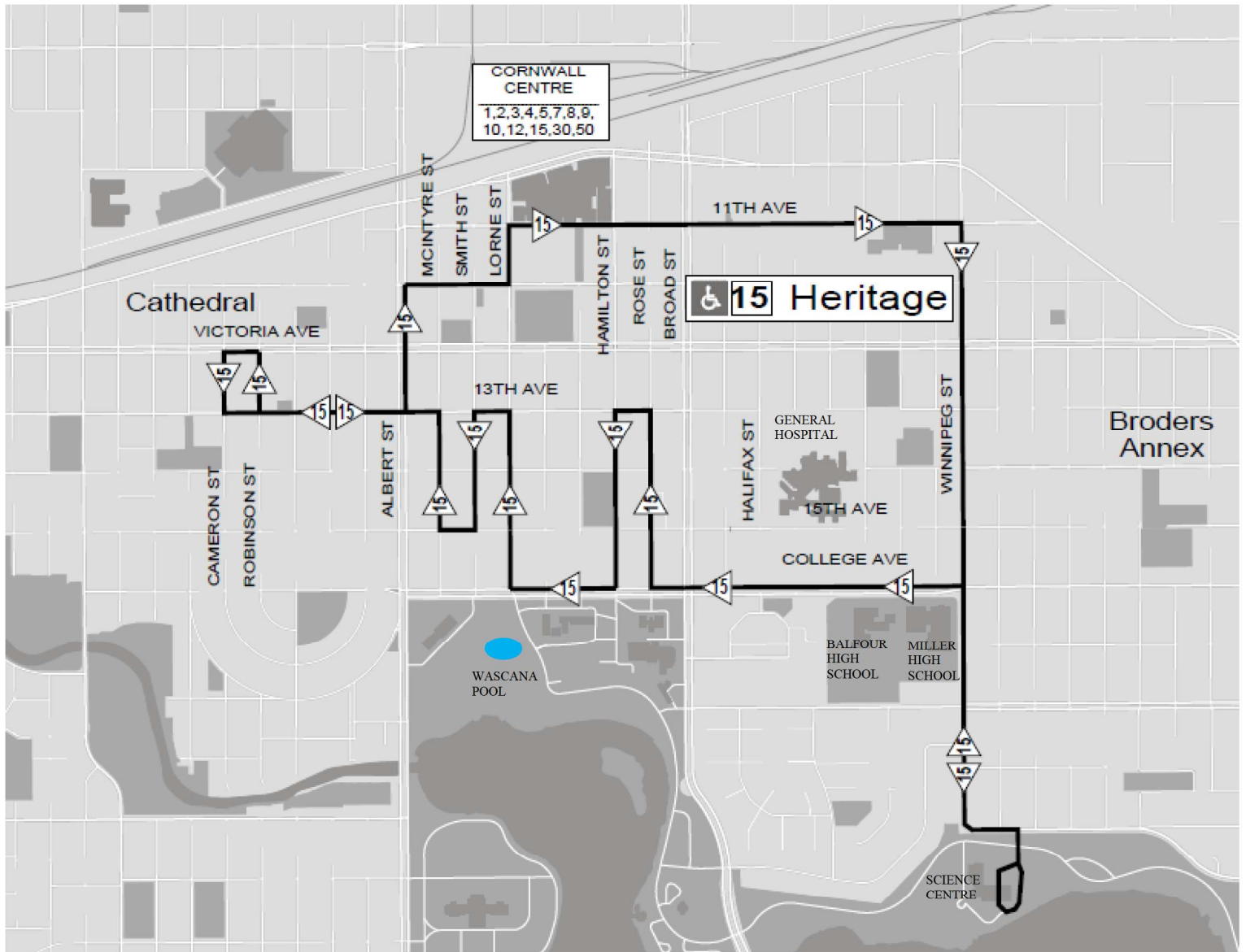
APPENDIX A

Current Route 15



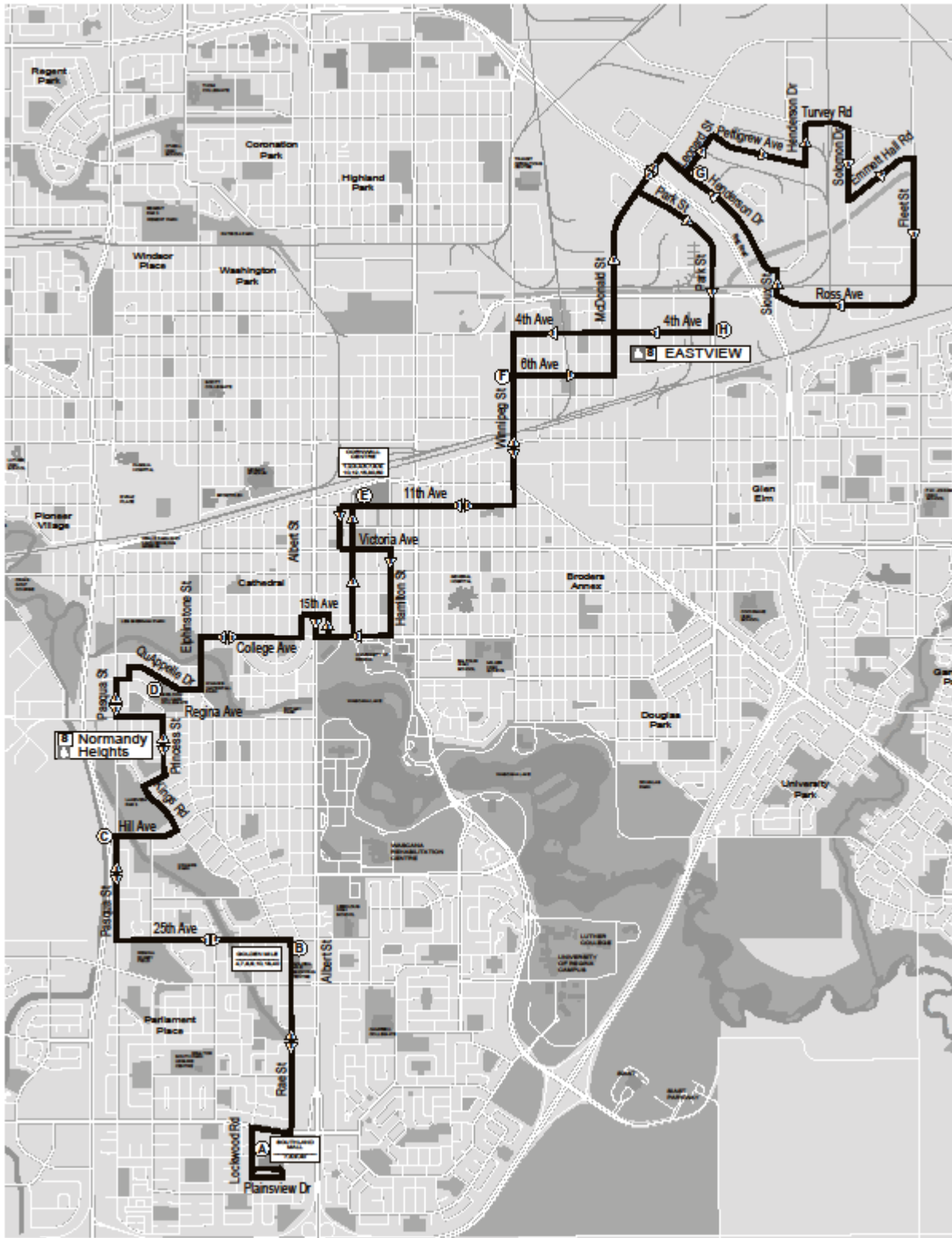
APPENDIX B

Proposed Route 15



APPENDIX C

Current Route 8



APPENDIX D Consultation Summary

Date	Consultation/Engagement Session	Focus	Findings/Outcomes
Feb 28	<p>Thomson Community School, Grade 1-8 Engagement Day</p> <p>Administration led an engagement session directly with Thomson students from grades 1-8.</p>	<p>Feedback on the proposed addition of a PlayEscapes program to the Thomson School site in Heritage Community, including programming ideas and excursions to Wascana Pool</p>	<p>Students in grades 1-7 showed strong interest in attending this type of program at the Thomson School site</p> <p>Students of all ages/grades had a very high interest in supervised excursions to Wascana Pool</p> <p>Students in grade 8 showed interest in youth-directed programming, distinct from the PlayEscapes program, in the afternoon and evening</p>
March 8	<p>Thomson Community School, Celebration of Learning</p> <p>Administration with support from Heritage Community Association, set up a table to greet parents at the Thomson Community School Learning Day</p>	<p>To gauge parent interest in summer recreation programming, including the proposed plan to have a PlayEscapes site at Thomson Community School, supervised excursions through PlayEscapes to Wascana Pool, and free transit (unsupervised) to Wascana Pool</p>	<p>Results are based on a survey completed by parents.</p> <p>Over 90% of parents of children in grades 1-7 showed interest in a summer PlayEscapes program, with supervised lunch, and regular supervised outings to Wascana Pool by shuttle bus. <i>(continued)</i></p>

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			<p>100% of parents of youth aged 13-16 showed strong interest in a drop-in youth-directed program</p> <p>If changes were made to Transit Route #15 leaving from the Heritage Neighbourhood, and a free bus pass was offered, 92% of parents indicated an interest in accessing the route as a means to get to Wascana Pool</p>
March 18	<p>Youth Consult at Miller High School</p> <p>Administration alongside Heritage Community Association staff, met with students from Miller High School</p>	<p>To gather feedback, suggestions, and options for youth-directed summer programming in the Heritage neighbourhood, including preferences on location, time of day, and programming content</p>	<p>Youth showed strong interest in both afternoon and evening program options</p> <p>Youth requested a mix of structured and unstructured activities, including organized sport, art programming, and recreation-based activities.</p> <p>Youth also showed interest in volunteer opportunities with other City summer programming</p> <p>Youth showed strong interest in attending Wascana pool, if transportation is provided free of charge</p>

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April 17	Community Conversation, Heritage Community Association Event Administration set up an information table specific to Heritage recreation programming for the summer of 2019.	To present recreation programming plans, Wascana pool transportation options, and gain feedback on any outstanding gaps in youth specific programming content	Administration had positive dialogue with residents on the proposed summer recreation plan for Heritage Neighbourhood, receiving feedback in support of consultations to date, and the proposed plan
April 18	Youth Consult at Balfour Collegiate Meeting with Balfour High School students	To gather feedback, suggestions, and options for youth-directed summer programming in the Heritage neighbourhood.	Reinforced feedback heard from Miller students; specifically an emphasis on afternoon programming, with evening sessions several times a week.