**CITY OF WINNIPEG**
**PARKS AND RECREATION**

**TITLE**
PROPOSED LANDSCAPING FOR THE
VIMY RIDGE MONUMENT
ST. JAMES PARK

**DATE:** NOV-22-1966
**SCALE:** 1" = 20'
**ACREAGE:**
**DRAWN BY:**
**CHECKED BY:**

**HORTICULTURE**
C. Spytrup
Chief of Horticulture

**Dwg. No.:**

**No. Revision**
**Date of:**

**DATE NOV. 22-1966**
November 22, 1966

His Worship Mayor Stephen Juba,
City of Winnipeg,
City Hall,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

On behalf of the members of the 44th Battalion Association in Vancouver, most of whom are former Winnipeggers, may I first of all, congratulate you on your recent re-election as Mayor of Winnipeg.

The matter of this letter is in connection with your interest in the 44th Battalion monument in St. James Park. The writer is a native of Winnipeg and served with the 44th Battalion at Vimy Ridge. As Secretary of the Winnipeg Association in 1920, I wrote to the War Graves Commission to arrange if possible to have the monument sent to Winnipeg, as we had heard that it was to be removed from the site on the "Pimple" - the highest point on Vimy Ridge, to make way for the National Memorial, which was subsequently erected on Hill 145. The plates and cross arrived in Winnipeg in due course and were placed in storage.

The Battalion served in many battles in the course of the War, but we found that we had a big battle on our hands to find a suitable site in Winnipeg for the Memorial and the matter of funds was also a proposition, as at that time the members of the Association were busy in re-establishing themselves. At long last, with the kind co-operation of the Parks Board, the difficulties were overcome and the Monument erected on the present location.

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The Branch of the Association, here in British Columbia, is most grateful of your resolve that the City of Winnipeg will perpetuate the Memorial. After all the Monument is a Memorial to 6000 Canadian men, mostly from Manitoba, but from all parts of Canada, and honours not only those killed in battle, but the men who have since passed on. The Monument is very dear to those of us who are left.

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Again the deep appreciation of the Emigres in British Columbia and their best Seasonal wishes to you and yours, and to your colleagues.

Very sincerely,

44TH BATTALION ASSOCIATION B. C.

Secretary-Treasurer.
We request Committee's consideration of a plan to have the north-east corner of the park, where the monument now stands, relandscaped in accordance with the attached drawing, at an estimated cost of $1,000.00. If this plan is accepted it would involve the removal of five partially-dead Manitoba Maple trees. It would add much to the beauty of this corner of St. James Park."

Your Committee has duly considered this matter and recommends that the Superintendent of Parks be authorized to place the sum of $1,000.00 in the 1967 Estimates of his Department, to cover the cost of re-landscaping the north-east corner of St. James Park to provide a nicer site for the Vimy Ridge Monument.

ADOPTED BY COUNCIL DEC 5 1966
November 24th, 1966.

Mr. W. A. Quayle,
City Clerk.

Attention: Committee on Parks and Recreation

Dear Sir:

Re: Vimy Ridge Monument
St. James Park

It has been estimated that the cost of moving the Vimy Ridge Monument to a new location in the flower garden at St. James Park would be $1,450.00. Considering the age and construction of the monument we feel this move would not be advisable.

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Yours truly,

[Signature]

Parks Superintendent.

JGL/hec
attach.
September 21st, 1966.

Mr. J. G. Lees,  
Parks Superintendent,  
Parks and Recreation Department,  
Winnipeg.

Dear Sir:

The Committee on Parks and Recreation, at its meeting held yesterday morning, requested you to report on the costs and possible sites for relocating the Vimy Ridge Monument presently located in the St. James Park.

Yours truly,

TP/gns

City Clerk.
Mr. J. G. Lees,
Parks Superintendent,
Parks and Recreation Department,
Winnipeg,

Dear Sir:

Re: Volunteer Monument Grounds, South-east corner James Avenue and Main Street. Your File V.2.

Your letter dated April 22nd, 1965, in the above connection was presented to the Committee on Parks and Recreation at its meeting held this morning and the recommendations contained therein were concurred in.

Yours truly,

City Clerk.
April 22nd, 1965.

Chairman and Members,
Committee on Parks and Recreation.

Attention: Mr. T. Mitchell, City Clerk

Gentlemen:

Re: Volunteer Monument Grounds, S.E. Corner
James Avenue and Main Street

The above-mentioned property, formerly under the jurisdiction of the Winnipeg Board of Parks and Recreation and now this Committee, has been developed and landscaped. It is a much-talked-about corner of our City, popular for the beauty of its floral arrangements. It has now, I understand, been transferred or sold to the Province of Manitoba, for inclusion with land required for the new Art Centre Complex. City Council has not advised this Committee nor the Department as to when the Government will take over the grounds.

We planted one thousand tulip bulbs in the flower beds last autumn. Until a definite transfer date has been established we will continue to maintain the Volunteer Monument Grounds. The Assistant Deputy Minister, Department of Public Works, Province of Manitoba, states in his letter of March 26th, 1965, copy attached, that the probable date of take-over will be after July 1st, 1965. I would, therefore, recommend that we do not proceed with usual planting of the flower beds in June.

We have also been granted permission by the Assistant Deputy Minister, Department of Public Works, to remove trees planted on the Volunteer Monument Grounds for transplanting at the Civic Centre.

I would recommend that this arrangement be approved, permission granted to remove the trees between May 1st and May 15th, and that Committee agree not to replant the flower beds when spring bloom is finished.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Parks Superintendent.

JGL/bec
cc Mr. W. Fraser
attach.
March 26, 1965.

Mr. J. G. Lees,
Parks Superintendent,
Parks and Recreation Dept.,
City of Winnipeg,
Civic Centre,
Winnipeg 2, Manitoba.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of March 23, I would like to point out that the Province will obtain control of the Cenotaph property sometime after July 1. Until that time the maintenance of the grounds will be your responsibility.

You may transplant the trees and shrubs at your convenience.

Yours very truly,

C. D. Smith,
Assistant Deputy Minister.
December 20th, 1966.

Mr. J. G. Lees,
Parks Superintendent,
Parks and Recreation Department,
Winnipeg.

Dear Sir:

Re: Renaming of St. James Park to Vimy Ridge Memorial Park.

I enclose herewith copy of Clause 1 of the report of the Committee on Parks and Recreation, dated December 13th, 1966, in the above connection, which was adopted by Council last evening.

Yours truly,

City Clerk.
Chairman and Members,
Committee on Parks and Recreation,
Winnipeg.

Gentlemen:

I enclose communication from Mr. D. M. Marshall, Secretary-Treasurer, 44th Battalion Association, British Columbia Branch, 2556 W. 16th Avenue, Vancouver 9, B.C., dated November 22nd, 1966, addressed to His Worship Mayor Juba, regarding the 44th Battalion Monument in St. James Park.

His Worship the Mayor submitted this communication to Council last evening and it was referred to your Committee.

Yours truly,

Deputy City Clerk.

JP
Enc.
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44TH BATTALION ASSOCIATION B.C.

[Signature]

Secretary-Treasurer.
Relandscaping site of Vimy Ridge Monument in St. James Park. File P.R. 34.

2. Your Committee has received the following communication from the Parks Superintendent under date of November 24th, 1966:-

"It has been estimated that the cost of moving the Vimy Ridge Monument to a new location in the flower garden at St. James Park would be $1,450.00. Considering the age and construction of the monument we feel this move would not be advisable."
Chairman and Members,
Committee on Parks & Recreation,
Council Building.

Aldermen:

I am enclosing herewith, for your consideration, letter received from a Mr. Albert Hedges, 18 Royal Crescent, suggesting that the name Vimy Park be placed in the Park facing Portage Avenue.

Yours very truly,

Encl.

MAYOR.
March 12-68

Alfred Hedges
18 Royal Crescent
Winnipeg 17

Sir, I am writing to you on behalf of thousands of veterans in this city regarding St. James Park. Now that it is quite a nice park now after quite an outlay of money. Now when it was fixed up also the monument. It was supposed to be renamed Vimy Park at present there is no identification or name upon this I suggest that the name Vimy Park be placed in the Park facing. Postagedue to remind people the spirit is still here that won that famous battle. I hope you will approach the Parks Board on this vital issue. Wishing you all the luck you so deserve.

I remain yours sincerely,

Alfred Hedges
February 9th, 1967.

Mr. J. G. Lees,
Parks Superintendent,
Parks and Recreation Department,
Winnipeg.

Dear Sir:

I enclose communication from The Honourable Roger J. Teillet, Minister of Veterans' Affairs, dated December 30th, 1966, addressed to His Worship Mayor Juba, in respect to the 44th Battalion Monument in St. James Park.

This matter was presented to and considered by the Committee on Parks and Recreation at its meeting held on the 7th instant, and was referred to you for information.

Yours truly,

RJF/em
Enc.

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W. A. Quayle
City Clerk.

His Worship Mayor Stephen Juba,
City of Winnipeg,
3rd Floor, Civic Office Building,
Winnipeg 2, Manitoba.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

Since receiving your letter of September 23 with the enclosures concerning the 44th Battalion Monument in St. James Park, I have looked into the possibility of the Department bearing some responsibility for restoring it.

I am pleased to tell you that as this monument had first been erected on the battlefield at Vimy and was moved from its original site to make way for the National Memorial, it has been determined that the Department will be able to assume the responsibility for its restoration.

Accordingly, at a convenient opportunity, departmental officials will be in touch with civic representatives and the Battalion Association concerning the project which I anticipate will be undertaken during the coming Spring.

I understand that when the monument has been restored the City of Winnipeg will assume the responsibility for its continuing care and maintenance. I think this is a fine gesture and is most appropriate.

I am sure that the monument, when restored, will more than ever serve as a focal point of remembrance and pride for the valor and sacrifice of the gallant men of the 44th Battalion.

Yours sincerely,

Roger J. Teillet.
Renaming of St. James Park to Vimy Ridge Memorial Park.

1. Your Committee has considered a letter received by His Worship Mayor Juba from the Secretary, 44th Battalion Association under date of November 22nd, 1966, which reads in part as follows:

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Your Committee feels that it would be fitting to honour those who took part in the battle of Vimy Ridge by renaming the St. James Park as "Vimy Ridge Memorial Park" and so recommends.

AD OPTED BY COUNCIL DEC 19 1966
April 21, 1970

Mr. W. A. Quayle,
City Clerk.

Attention: Committee on Parks and Recreation

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing copy of letter, dated April 14th, 1970, received from the Chairman, The Church in the Community Committee requesting, as a part of First Presbyterian Church Centennial celebrations, permission to hold an Outdoor Contemporary Service of Worship in Vimy Ridge Memorial Park, Portage Avenue at Home Street, Winnipeg on Sunday, June 28th, 1970, 7:00 p.m.

Permission has also been requested for the use of a P.A. System and Folk music by the Church group will be offered.

By-Law Number 19062 of the City of Winnipeg provides as follows:

Section 24 "No person, without the consent of the parks superintendent of the Committee, shall play upon any musical instrument; nor shall any band, or procession, be permitted to march, drill or perform any evolutions, movements or ceremonies, nor hold gatherings or meetings within the parks, nor do or perform any act tending to the congregating of persons therein or thereon."

Section 29 "No person shall use the parks under the control of the city, for the purpose of public picnics, political, religious or other like gatherings, unless the permission of the Committee or parks superintendent be first had and obtained."

... cont'd
April 21, 1970

Mr. W. A. Quayle

It is recommended that permission be granted the First Presbyterian Church to hold a Contemporary Service of Worship in Vimy Ridge Memorial Park on Sunday, June 28th, 1970, 7:00 p.m. and that permission be further granted for the use of a P. A. System and that music be permitted.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

General Superintendent

OJ/ljr

encl.
Parks and Recreation Department,
4th. Floor, City Hall,
WINNIPEG, Manitoba

Attention: Mr. J. Mirus,
Area Supervisor.


Dear Mr. Mirus,

As a part of First Presbyterian Church Centennial celebrations we wish to share with the community a contemporary outdoor service in Vimy Park on June 28th. This would be an evening event.

"The Church In The Community" committee of our church hereby request permission to hold such a service.

It is possible that neighbouring congregations would wish to hold similar services throughout the summer and that an ecumenical finale be held in August. Permission for such a follow up would be covered by a separate request as firm arrangements have not yet been made.

Should further information be required please contact the writer at the above address (888-0650 or 943-2171) or Rev. B. A. Miles, 209 Oxford St., (SU3-3315 or 453-8437).

Yours truly,

Mrs. J. Sinclair,
Chairman,
The Church In the Community Committee

cc: Rev. B. A. Miles
File P.R. 34.  
July 23rd, 1968.

Mr. O. Johanson,
General Superintendent of Parks and Recreation,
Parks and Recreation Department,
Winnipeg.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of July 17th, 1968, in respect to the erection of a sign, naming the park, to be placed in Vimy Ridge Memorial Park, this matter was considered by the Committee on Parks and Recreation at its meeting held this morning, and the said Committee authorized that the sign be erected in this park this year, and that you progress in the future by placing similar name signs in all park and recreation areas where they do not presently exist.

Yours truly,

RJF/em  
City Clerk.
Mr. W. A. Quayle,
City Clerk.

Attention: Committee on Parks and Recreation

Dear Sir:

At meeting held on May 28th, 1968, Committee referred for report a communication received from Mr. Hodges, 18 Royal Crescent, West Kildonan, suggesting that a sign naming the park be placed in Vimy Ridge Memorial Park.

We are attaching drawing of proposed design of same.

It is also planned to place a small plaque on the sign outlining the history of the park for the information of visitors.

It is recommended that a sign, naming the park, be erected in Vimy Ridge Memorial Park this year and that we progress in the future to placing similar name signs in all park and recreation areas where they do not presently exist.

Yours truly,

General Superintendent.

OJ/bec
VIMY RIDGE
MEMORIAL PARK
CITY OF WINNIPEG
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
May 29th, 1968.

Mr. Albert Hedges,
18 Royal Crescent,
West Kildonan 17, Manitoba.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter dated March 12th, 1968, addressed to His Worship Mayor Juba, suggesting that the name Vimy Park be placed in the Park facing Portage Avenue, this matter was presented to and considered by the Committee on Parks and Recreation at its meeting held yesterday morning and referred to the General Superintendent of Parks and Recreation for report.

Yours truly,

RJF/gs

City Clerk.
May 29th, 1968.

Mr. O. Johanson,
General Superintendent
of Parks and Recreation,
Parks and Recreation Department,
Winnipeg.

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This communication was presented to and considered by the Committee on Parks and Recreation at its meeting held yesterday morning and referred to you for report.

Yours truly,

RJF/gs
Enc.

City Clerk.
May 27th, 1970.

Mr. O. Johanson,
General Superintendent of Parks and Recreation,
Parks and Recreation Department,
Winnipeg.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 19th, 1970, advising that the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada have requested permission to hold a church service in Viny Ridge Memorial Park on August 23rd, 1970, this matter was considered by the Committee on Parks and Recreation at its meeting held yesterday morning and your recommendation contained therein was concurred in.

Yours truly,

RJF/gs

City Clerk.
May 19th, 1970.

Mr. W. A. Quayle,
City Clerk.

Attention: Committee on Parks and Recreation

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing copy of letter, dated May 14th, 1970, received from the Chairman Reunion Committee, Cameron Association, advising that the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada have made arrangements to host a reunion for the Dieppe Veterans & Prisoner of War Association of Toronto, in Winnipeg on August 21st to 23rd, 1970, and requesting permission to hold a Church Service in Vimy Ridge Memorial Park on August 23rd, 1970 from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon.

It is recommended that permission be granted as provided for under Section 29, of By-law 19062 of the City of Winnipeg, which reads as follows:

"No person shall use the parks under the control of the city, for the purpose of public picnics, political, religious or other like gatherings, unless the permission of the Committee or the parks superintendent be first had and obtained."

Yours truly,

[Signature]

General Superintendent.

encl.
May 14, 1970

Mr. O. Johanson, Supervisor
Parks & Recreation Dept.
City of Winnipeg

Dear Mr. Johanson,

The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada, have made arrangements to host a reunion for the Dieppe Veterans & Prisoner of War Association of Toronto in Winnipeg on August 21, 22 & 23 of this year.

We would appreciate using the park on Portage and Cameron for a Church Service on August 23, 1970 from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 A.M., please notify.

Further information to follow.

P. G. Redcliffe
Chairman Reunion Committee

F. G. Redcliffe
April 29th, 1970.

Mr. O. Johanson,
General Superintendent of
Parks and Recreation,
Parks and Recreation Department,
Winnipeg.

Dear Sir:

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to hold a contemporary outdoor service in Vimy Ridge Memorial
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City Clerk.