

ADOPTED by Council at its meeting held April 16, 2012 [M190-2012]

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Windsor, Ontario, April 16, 2012

REPORT NO. 59 of the
**SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT,
HEALTH & CULTURE STANDING COMMITTEE**
of its meeting held March 21, 2012

Present: Councillor Al Maghnieh, Chair
Councillor Alan Halberstadt
Councillor Percy Hatfield
Councillor Ed Sleiman

Regrets: Councillor Ron Jones

That the following recommendation of the Social Development, Health and Culture Standing Committee **BE APPROVED** as follows:

Moved by Councillor Hatfield, seconded by Councillor Sleiman,
THAT the offer by the Emancipation Celebration Corp. and the Black Canadian Ethnic Club of Windsor to place an Emancipation Celebration Monument in Jackson Park near the bandstand **BE ACCEPTED**.

Carried.

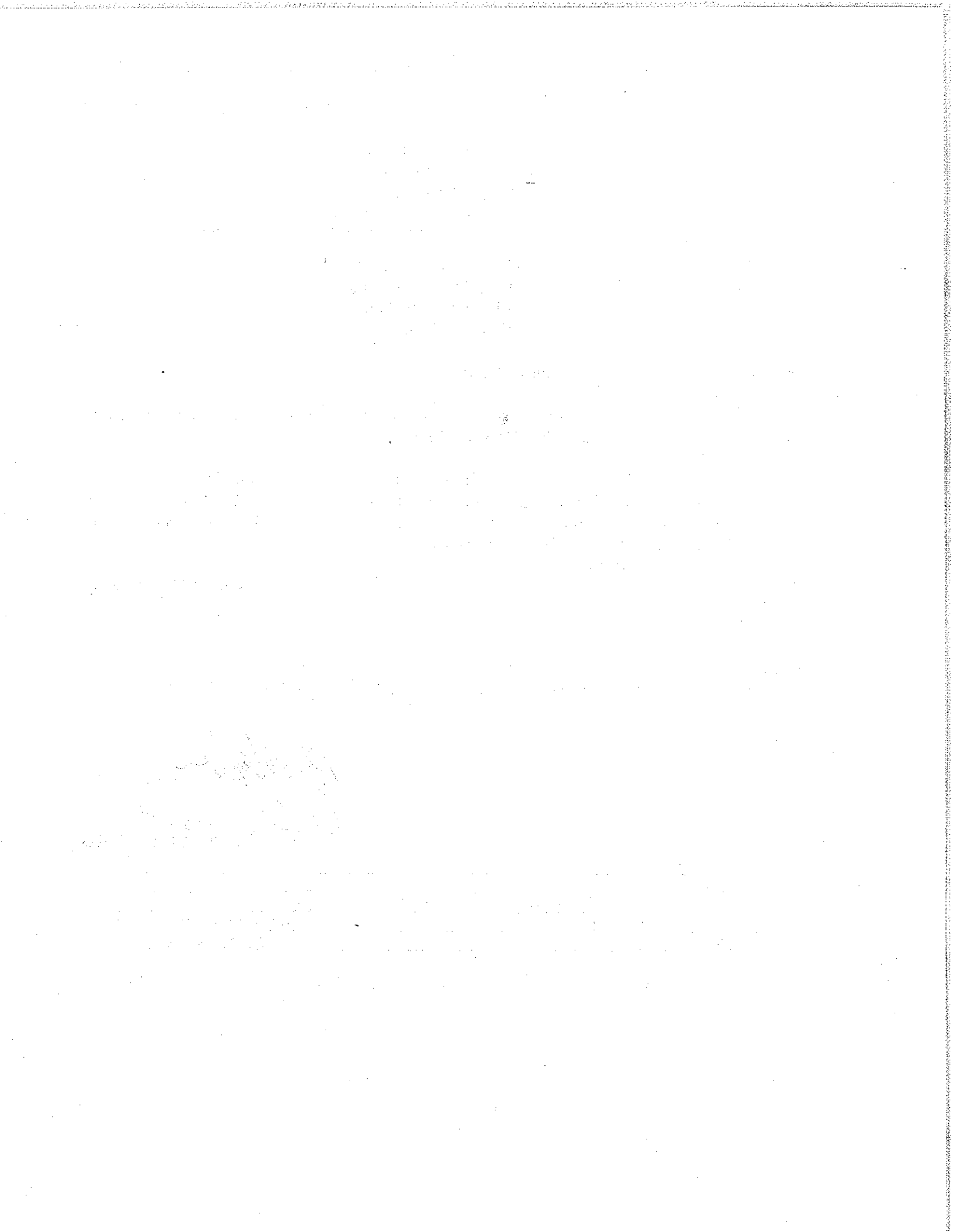
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Clerk's Note: The report of the Manager of Cultural Affairs dated February 14, 2012 entitled "The Emancipation Celebration Monument in Jackson Park" is attached as background information.


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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WINDSOR
Social Development, Health and Culture Standing Committee-
Community Public Art Committee

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To: Social Development, Health and Culture Standing Committee

Subject: Emancipation Celebrations Monument in Jackson Park

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1. RECOMMENDATION: City Wide: _____ Ward(s): 4

THAT the Social Development, Health and Culture Standing Committee **ACCEPT** the offer of an Emancipation Celebrations Monument to be placed in Jackson Park.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

2. BACKGROUND:

Emancipation Celebrations first took place from the turn of the 20th Century right through to the 1970's. Originally the Celebrations began with a huge parade that began in Dieppe Park and made its way to Jackson Park ending at the bandstand. Upwards to 250,000 spectators came and lined the streets of Windsor with a large number of Americans in the audience making this the largest event of its kind in North America.

Not only were the local Emancipation Celebrations well attended with local residents and neighbours, they also attracted the attention and participation of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr and Olympian Jessie Owens as keynote speakers and celebrities such as 'Smoking Joe' Louis and Diana Ross and the Supremes were guests.

The 1967 Race Riots in Detroit dramatically affected the attendance of the festival and it was eventually moved to MicMac Park. The Celebrations have been resurrected and now take place at the Riverfront Festival Plaza.

3. DISCUSSION:

The floats, marching bands and drill teams were officially judged by passing the Band Stand. This is the only remaining "touchstone or bench mark" of the Celebrations that filled the park.

A black granite monument will be placed near the grandstand. The wording will be etched into a bronze plaque. A foundation may need to be engineered which would be part of the cost of the project.

4. RISK ANALYSIS:

N/A

5. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The Windsor Emancipation Celebration Corp. and the Black Canadian Ethnic Club of Windsor, Corp. both must be in sound financial relationship with the City of Windsor.

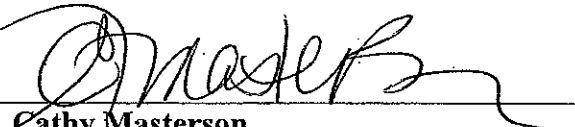
All costs associated with the purchase, delivery, installation and maintenance will be paid for by the Windsor Emancipation Celebration Corp. and the Black Canadian Ethnic Club of Windsor. No City monies involved in the project.

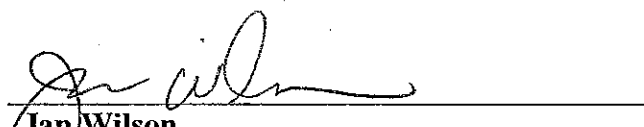
6. CONSULTATIONS:

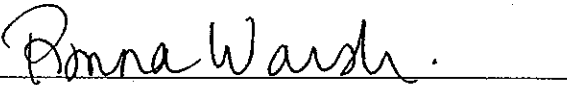
Mike Clement, Manager Parks Development

7. CONCLUSION:

The Emancipation Celebrations were and continue to be an important festival in the City of Windsor and the surrounding area. It is fitting that there be a monument to illustrate the significance.


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