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Item No. 9 Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund – Policy to Regulate Endorsement of Applications for Funding
File S-7

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 8, 2005, the Executive Policy Committee submitted the following to Council:

1. That the following policy guidelines be adopted to regulate the endorsement of applications applying for funding under the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (MRIF), namely:

   A. The City of Winnipeg will not endorse any MRIF application from an external group, which requires a capital contribution from the City.

   B. To allow all groups equal opportunity to apply, the City of Winnipeg sets three deadline dates for consideration of MRIF internal and external applications: September 1, 2005, January 1, 2006 and June 1, 2006.

   C. To coordinate the endorsement process, external groups are required to provide copies of their MRIF application to the Executive Policy Committee Secretariat for review and comment by the Administration.

   D. Preference for endorsement will be given to projects that originate from the City of Winnipeg.

2. That the Administration and the EPC Secretariat prepare a list of potential City of Winnipeg MRIF projects for consideration by Executive Policy Committee and Council in September 2005.

3. That the EPC Secretariat be directed to request the federal and provincial governments to designate a portion of the total MRIF funds for City of Winnipeg originated projects.

4. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 8, 2005, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (MRIF) is a tri-level government agreement developed to primarily benefit rural municipalities, however, applications are also being accepted for projects in Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS the rules for the MRIF require a municipality to endorse a proposed project whether or not the municipality is a contributing-funding partner;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has endorsed the applications for funding for the following projects through the MRIF:

A. East Winnipeg Sports Association (Transcona Recreation Park)
B. Winnipeg Soccer Federation (Winnipeg Soccer Complex)
C. Winnipeg Library Foundation (Millennium Library Project)
D. University of Manitoba Smartpark
E. Winnipeg Humane Society (Headquarters Project);

AND WHEREAS it is anticipated that other organizations may submit requests to the City to endorse their respective project in this regard;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council adopt the following policy guidelines to regulate the endorsement of applications applying for funding under the MRIF, namely:

A. The City of Winnipeg will not endorse any MRIF application from an external group which requires a capital contribution from the City.

B. To allow all groups equal opportunity to apply, the City of Winnipeg sets three deadline dates for consideration of MRIF internal and external applications: September 1, 2005, January 1, 2006 and June 1, 2006.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

C. To coordinate the endorsement process, external groups are required to provide copies of their MRIF application to the Executive Policy Committee Secretariat for review and comment by the Administration.

D. Preference for endorsement will be given to projects that originate from the City of Winnipeg;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administration and the EPC Secretariat prepare a list of potential City of Winnipeg MRIF projects for consideration by Executive Policy Committee and Council in September 2005;

AND BE IT RESOLVED that the EPC Secretariat be directed to request the federal and provincial governments to designate a portion of the total MRIF funds for City of Winnipeg originated projects;

and submitted the matter to Council.