Report - Executive Policy Committee – June 15, 2005

Item No. 1 Friends of Churchill Parkway – Land Dedication Reserve
File EP-2

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 15, 2005, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the City Centre Community Committee and submits the following to Council:

1. That funding to assist with the cost of purchasing planting stock, in the amount of $5,000.00, be allocated from the City Centre Land Dedication Reserve to the Friends of the Churchill Parkway.

2. 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 15, 2005, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the City Centre Community Committee and submitted the matter to Council.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 7, 2005, the City Centre Community Committee recommended that funding to assist with the cost of purchasing planting stock, in the amount of $5,000.00, be allocated from the City Centre Land Dedication Reserve to the Friends of the Churchill Parkway, and submitted its recommendation to the Executive Policy Committee.

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Ms Jenny Gerbasi
Councillor
Fort Rouge – East Fort Garry
City of Winnipeg
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Dear Councillor Gerbasi:

The Friends of Churchill Parkway is an environmental group that has been active for nearly ten years. We have worked to clean up the river bank, protect its trees from beaver damage as well as we have been able to plant close to 4,000 trees so far. Until last year we were able to receive funding from a federal grant as well as local donations. That funding has expired and we find ourselves asking for $5,000.00 from the Land Dedication funds so that we can purchase planting stock.

We have a small Green Team that will do the planting as well as care for the already planted trees and shrubs. We would hate to discontinue our goal to plant trees so as to naturalize significant sections of the parkway. Local residents are very pleased with our work so far and lend their support regularly. By receiving funds from the Land Dedication Fund we will be able to continue our important work for the benefit of all Winnipeggers.

On behalf of all the Friends of Churchill Parkway I thank you for your consideration of our request for $5,000.00. I am hopeful you will support our efforts.

Sincerely,

Kirk Baldwin
Co-President
Friends of Churchill Parkway
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