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Item No. 7 Recreation and Leisure Facilities Funding
File PR-1

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 22, 2005, the Executive Policy Committee submitted the following to Council:

1. That tri-level government funding for recreation and leisure facilities be approved as outlined, including the transfer of $17 million from the Sewer Utility into the General Capital Fund for investment in recreation and leisure facilities.

2. That the Project List (Appendix A) which outlines investment priorities for the $43 million agreement be approved.

3. That the City's $9 million contribution be financed from the General Purpose Reserve, subject to the General Purpose Reserve being reimbursed by contributions from the future Five Year Capital Budget.

4. That the Administration develop initial cost estimates and timeframes for implementation and identify financing sources for the said Project List as part of the 2006 Capital Budget process.

5. 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 22, 2005, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS on September 29, 2004, Council approved in principle the re-allocation of $43 million in tri-level government funding for Bus Rapid Transit toward community recreation and leisure facility projects;

AND WHEREAS on April 22, 2005, the Governments of Canada and Manitoba announced their approval of this re-allocation;

AND WHEREAS the terms of the new $43 million funding agreement announced on April 22, 2005, include the following commitments from the three levels of government:

- The Government of Canada will increase its contribution toward Winnipeg's wastewater treatment project by $17 million.

- The City of Winnipeg will transfer $17 million from the Sewer Utility for investment in recreation and leisure facilities. The City will also contribute $9 million toward recreation and leisure facilities, for a total commitment of $26 million.

- The Province of Manitoba will contribute $17 million to the City toward recreation and leisure facilities;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial and Federal Governments have endorsed the said Project List, which outlines a number of investment priorities which are consistent with the City's new Recreation and Leisure Facilities Policy which was adopted on May 18, 2005;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve this tri-level government funding for recreation and leisure facilities as outlined, including the transfer of $17 million from the Sewer Utility into the General Capital Fund for investment in recreation and leisure facilities;

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council approve the Project List (Appendix A) which outlines investment priorities for the $43 million agreement;

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council approve that the City's $9 million contribution be financed from the General Purpose Reserve, subject to the General Purpose Reserve being reimbursed by contributions from the future Five Year Capital Budget;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administration develop initial cost estimates and timeframes for implementation and identify financing sources for the said Project List as part of the 2006 Capital Budget process,

and submitted the matter to Council.

Appendix "A"

Recreation and Leisure Facilities Project List

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	COST
A. North End Recreation & Leisure Facility Large multi-purpose community complex in an area underserviced by recreation options. Components may include administration offices, multipurpose space, gymnasium, craft/woodshop area, multimedia lab, and fitness facility. Specific location and components will be selected through a local consultation process. Location options include the Old Ex site and the existing Sinclair Park Community Centre.	$7.0 Million
B. Bronx Park Community Centre Development of a 35,000 square foot facility that amalgamates an existing community centre and seniors centre. Components include meeting areas, wellness zone, games room, computer lab, creative arts studio, home improvement shop, administration and storage areas, new outdoor play spaces and park space. Opportunities exist to integrate additional community/leisure centres into this facility.	$3.9 million
C. Sargent Park Recreation Complex Major redevelopment of existing recreation centre. Project includes relocation of the running track from the basement to a new mezzanine level, new fitness facility, new gymnasium, skateboard park, tennis court resurfacing, swimming pool improvements, lobby upgrades.	$2.7 million *In addition to previous funding from other infrastructure sources*
D. Community Centre Investment Fund Flexible investment fund for smaller scale community centre maintenance and expansion projects.	$10.0 million
E. Kildonan Park Urban Oasis Regional indoor aquatic facility combining a lap pool, leisure pool, water play area, fitness facility, change facilities. Would replace one existing outdoor pool and possibly one indoor pool in the surrounding area.	$9.0 million

F. Spray Parks/Pads Free access, fully accessible outdoor aquatic play areas incorporating several colorful, interactive water features. • Norquay Spray Park – $0.4 million • River/Osborne CC Spray Pad Conversion – $0.25 million • River Heights Spray Pad Conversion – $0.25 million • Provencher Spray Pad Conversion – $0.2 million • St. Norbert CC Spray Pad – $0.2 million • Linden Woods Spray Pad -- $0.2 million • Spray Park/Pad Investment Fund – $1.1 million	$2.6 million
G. Regional Recreation Needs Winnipeg Soccer Complex.	$6.0 million
H. Skateboard Parks Community-level facilities featuring a wide array of ramps, rails and other skateboard installations. • St. Vital Skateboard Park – $0.2 million • Victoria Jason Skateboard Park (Transcona) -- $0.1 million • Skatepark West (St. James) - $0.15 million • Fort Garry Skateboard Park -- $0.4 million • Komenda Skateboard Park (Charleswood) -- $0.1 million • Skateboard Park Investment Fund – $0.85 million	$1.8 million
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	**$43 MILLION**