Minute No. 488
Report – Executive Policy Committee – June 8, 2005

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

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee, as amended, and adopted the following:

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. i. 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.

      ii. That all City Councillors be notified when a new project comes forward to Executive Policy Committee Secretariat for review.

   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.

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COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

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:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Katz,
That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Benham,
Seconded by Councillor Wyatt,

THAT the item be amended by deleting 1C and 2 and substituting therefore:

1C. External groups are required to begin the city endorsement process by applying before the relevant community committee for their project. In a process analogous to that used for Community Incentive grants, the applications for endorsement will be analyzed by City staff to ensure they meet the criteria of the fund and any relevant City policies. That report will be made available to community committee. Community Committee can recommend for or against city endorsement for applications to the Infrastructure Endorsement Committee.

2. City Council will establish an Infrastructure Endorsement Committee, to be composed of one representative elected by each community committee. The Infrastructure Endorsement Committee, in co-operation with Administration and EPC Secretariat, will prepare a list of potential City of Winnipeg MRIF projects for consideration by Executive Policy Committee and Council in September 2005, January 2006 and June 2006.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Swandel,
Seconded by Councillor Thomas,

THAT recommendation 1.C be modified so that all City Councillors be notified when a new project comes forward to Executive Policy Committee Secretariat.

The motion of Councillors Swandel and Thomas was put and declared carried.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

The motion of Councillors Benham and Wyatt was put.

Councillor Gerbasi called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors Benham, Gerbasi, Lubosch, Smith, Thomas and Wyatt. 6

Nay: His Worship Mayor Katz, Councillors Eadie, Lazarenko, Clement, De Smedt, Magnifico, Pagtakhan, Steeves, Swandel and O'Shaughnessy. 10

and the motion of Councillors Benham and Wyatt was declared lost.

The motion for adoption of the item, as amended, was put.

Councillor Benham called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: His Worship Mayor Katz, Councillors Eadie, Lazarenko, Clement, De Smedt, Lubosch, Magnifico, Pagtakhan, Steeves, Swandel, Thomas and O'Shaughnessy. 12

Nay: Councillors Benham, Gerbasi, Smith and Wyatt. 4

and the motion for adoption of the item, as amended, was declared carried.

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;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

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.

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;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

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.