Minutes - Executive Policy Committee – July 20, 2005

Minute No. 477
Report - Standing Policy Committee on Public Works - July 12, 2005

Item No. 3 Local Improvement Projects to be funded and constructed in 2005 - Irving Place
File SL(2004)

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendations of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works and the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee and submits the following to Council:

1. That the following Local Improvement project be proceeded with, namely:

   A. Work Order No. 99-04-010-1-04, Wastewater Sewer on Irving Place from Kildonan Drive to Grandview Street (Note: Waste Water Sewer lift station and forcemain to be funded by the Sewer Utility).

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:

Moved by Councillor Eadie,

That the recommendations of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works and the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 12, 2005, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works concurred in the recommendation of the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 14, 2005, the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee reiterated its motion passed at its June 1, 2004 meeting and recommended to the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works that the Work Order No. 99-04-010-1-04 of the proposed Local Improvement project be proceeded with.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 8, 2004, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works concurred in the recommendation of the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee, as amended, namely:

- That the local improvement project for Work Order No. 99-04-010-1-04, Waste Water Sewer, on Irving Place from Kildonan Drive to Grandview Street, (Note: Waste Water Sewer lift station and forcemain to be funded by the Sewer Utility) be laid over.

On June 8, 2004, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works considered a report from the Director of the Water and Waste Department dated May 25, 2004, with respect to the Wastewater Sewer in Irving Place and concurred in the administrative recommendation that the report be received as information.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

The Standing Policy Committee on Public Works further considered a motion from the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee, dated May 4, 2004, with respect to Sewer Improvements to Irving Place and did not concur in the recommendation of the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

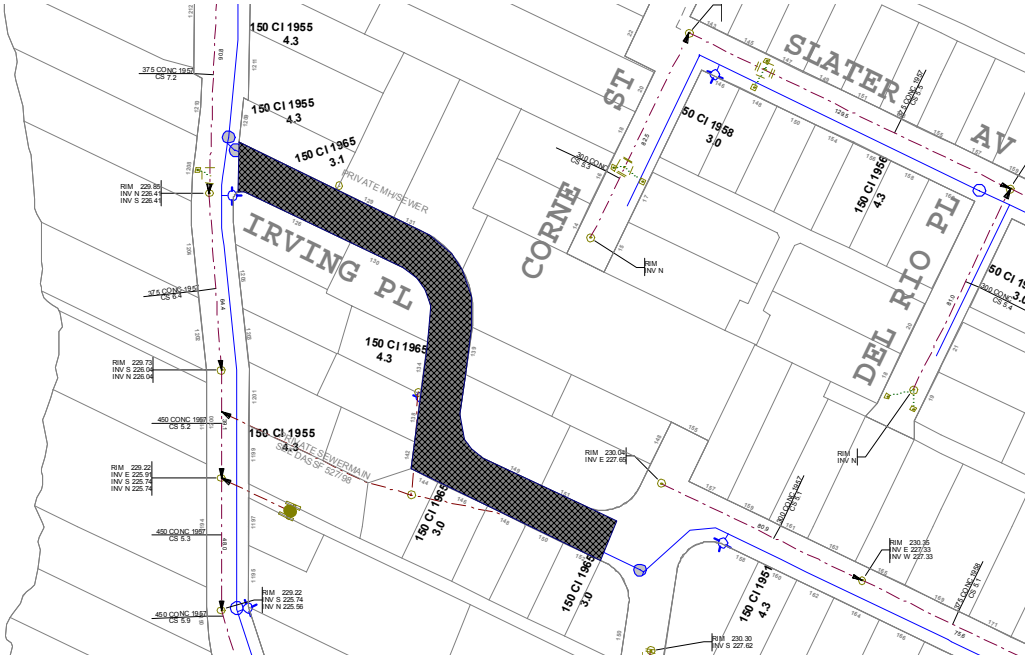
On June 1, 2004, the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee recommended that the administrative recommendation be concurred in and forwarded to the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works.

TO: Ms. Inga Skundberg, East Kildonan – Transcona Community Committee Clerk
FROM: Mr. Tim Austin, Co-ordinator of Tax Accounting & Administration
SUBJECT: RESULTS OF MARCH 31, 2004 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: May 20, 2004

The results of the March 31, 2004 Local Improvement advertisement in the *Winnipeg Free Press* for proposed Local Improvement projects within your Community & Ward boundary are shown below. The East Kildonan - Transcona Community Committee is, therefore requested, to specifically review and recommend to the Standing Committee on Public Works on the Local Improvement projects as follows:

Work Order No.	***Local Improvement***	***Location***
99-04-010-1-04	Waste Water Sewer	In Irving Place from Kildonan Drive to Grandview Street. (Note: Waste Water Sewer lift station and forcemain to be funded by the Sewer Utility).



It is estimated that the total cost of the project is $145,000 of which 25.2% is to be recovered from the registered property owners' share.

City's Administration Recommendation: The undertaking of this Local Improvement project may proceed.

Co-ordinator of Tax Accounting & Administration

From: Gino Guarino
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2005 12:39 PM
To: Lubosch, Mark
Subject: Irving Place Sewer Upgrade
Importance: High

Mr. M. Lubosch,

Firstly, I wanted to thank you for taking my call this morning. I am under the impression that trying to get a hold of anyone at city hall is a near impossibility so I was pleasantly surprised when you answered and had time to talk as well.

Secondly, and the reason I write to you this morning, I wanted to bring up the process of sewer renewal for Irving Place. I understand the improvement task was laid over by the Standing Policy Committee in June 2004 due to concerns of funding and redundancy by the new home on our street.

I myself, speaking on behalf of the residents of Irving Place, am very interested in this project moving forward. Many of the homes in the area have changed owners in the last 10 years and none of us were aware of the private sewer line prior to our purchases. I can tell you that 2 people have moved out of the area in the last 5 years because of the “private” line and the city’s insistence not to affirm ownership of maintenance and upgrade. I can tell you that every time the city gets a heavy deluge of rain, which seems to more common then not these days, the residents are concerned that our little sewer line may not hold out.

We, as residents, are aware of the financial requests being made to us by the city and as a majority, we are willing to accept our portion of the bill. We would like to see this project take root today or as soon as politically possible.

We feel for the new home builder on our street as I understand they were given incorrect information about the renewal process but we don’t think that 15 homes should suffer because of poor communication to the one home.

If you have any questions or if there is anything that we, the residents of Irving Place, can do to facilitate and expedite the renewal process, please feel free to contact me directly and I can inform all involved immediately.

Sincerely,

Gino Guarino
134 Irving Place
663-4128 hm
982-4322 wk

RE: WASTEWATER SEWER IN IRVING PLACE

FOR SUBMISSION TO: STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

ORIGINAL REPORT SIGNED BY: Barry D. MacBride, P. Eng.
Director
Water and Waste Department

REPORT DATE: May 25, 2004

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That this report be received as information.

REPORT SUMMARY

KEY ISSUES:

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION(S):

General Implications

X	None
	For the organization overall and/or for other departments
	For the community and/or organizations external to the City of Winnipeg
	Involves a multi-year contract

Comment(s):

Policy Implications

X	No
	Yes – Comment(s):

Environmental Implications

X	None
	Yes – Comment(s):

Human Resources Implications

X	No

[ ] Yes – Comment(s):

Financial Implications

[ ] Within approved current and/or capital budget
[X] Current and/or capital budget adjustment required

Comment(s): If the project is going to proceed, an adjustment would be required to the 2005 Capital Budget to finance the cost of constructing a sewage lift station and forcemain.

REPORT

REASON FOR THE REPORT:

The Standing Policy Committee on Public Works is the designated authority to make recommendations on local improvements.

HISTORY:

On February 3, 2004 the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee requested that the following Local Improvement project be advertised in the spring of 2004:

1. Wastewater Sewer and lift station in Irving Place between Kildonan Drive and Grandview Street.

On May 4, 2004 the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee passed the following motion for forwarding to the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works:

1. That the City of Winnipeg affirm ownership and/or responsibility for the Irving Place sewer line.

2. That the Local Improvement process for sewer renewal for Irving Place not be proceeded with.

3. That sewer renewal work required for Irving Place be funded from the 2005 sewer renewal program of the Capital Budget.

DISCUSSION:

The subject wastewater sewer local improvement was advertised on March 31, 2004. One Objection to Petition Against form was issued but it was not returned to the City. The City Clerks Department received no objections to the proposed local improvement.

Irving Place is a residential street in North Kildonan. There are 14 existing homes in Irving Place between Kildonan Drive and Grandview Street that are serviced by a substandard sewer system installed prior to amalgamation in 1972 (Figure 1). The sewer system is substandard because it is installed at a shallow depth and grade. It is prone to blockages caused by the deposition of solids in the sewer pipe. The Water and Waste Department first became aware of this situation in 1998 when there was a subdivision application on the street. Subsequent investigation found that the City has never operated or maintained the sewer system, having considered it to be private. The local residents, over the years, have accepted responsibility for keeping the sewer operating by occasionally hiring private sewer cleaning contractors to flush it out when required. In recent years there have been a few property ownership changes on the street, and some of the residents have expressed concern to the City that the sewer system does not function properly.

The private sewer in Irving Place is connected to the City sewer in Kildonan Drive. The special connection status of this sewer is addressed in the Sewer By-law 7070/97, Clause 13.8. Amongst other things, the By-law requires;

- that the City shall not be responsible for paying any cost of installing, maintaining, repairing, or abandoning the said special sewer connection,
- and that the owner shall pay the annual sewer maintenance assessment for their property frontage.

The properties in Irving Place are paying their annual sewer maintenance assessment in accordance with the By-law. However there are no records of the circumstances under which the sewer was installed. The City has no record of the property owners contributing to the cost of a City sewer. Therefore to implement a properly designed and functioning sewer system, an advertisement for the installation of a new sewer as a local improvement and to levy the cost of same against the benefiting properties was undertaken. The work is estimated to cost approximately $145,000 of which approximately $36,500 would be recovered through the application of local improvement levies. Normally the amount of recovery more closely approximates the cost of the work. However, in this case, the infill nature of this project makes it significantly more costly for the City to proceed with the work. The unrecovered balance will be funded by the City-at-large.

It should also be noted that because of the local topography, it is necessary for the City to construct a sewage lift station and forcemain, at an additional estimated cost of $123,000 in order to establish proper City sewer service to Irving Place. This additional cost would be borne by the Sewer Utility and would not be charged back against the properties in Irving Place.

Therefore the total cost not recovered from the benefiting properties is $231,500.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The following financial impact statement for this project has been prepared in accordance with the recommendation adopted by Council on December 13, 2000.

Financial Impact Statement

Date: May 25, 2004

Project Name:
Irving Place Wastewater Sewer

First Year of Program
2005

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required	$ 268,000				
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs					
Additional Capital Budget Required	$ 268,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Funding Sources:					
Debt - Internal					
Debt - External					
Grants (Enter Description Here)					
Reserves, Equity, Surplus					
Other - Enter Description Here					
Total Funding	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Additional Capital Budget Required	$ 268,000				
Total Additional Debt Required	$ -				
Current Expenditures/Revenues					
Direct Costs					
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery					
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts					
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments: If the Irving Place Wastewater Sewer is approved, the 2005 Capital Budget will have to be amended to include funding in the amount of $268,000 for this project. It is estimated that $36,500 would be collected from local improvement levies and the net cost to the City would be $231,500.

Moira L. Geer, CA
Manager of Finance & Administration

IN PREPARING THIS REPORT THERE WAS CONSULTATION WITH AND CONCURRENCE BY: Not Applicable

THIS REPORT SUBMITTED BY:

Water and Waste Department
Engineering Division
Prepared by: Kim Raban, P. Eng.
File No. 020-07-06-01-03

c: T. Austin, Corporate Finance Department, City Treasurer's Division
D. Papst, Corporate Services Department, Legal Services Division



	Irving Place – Existing Private Wastewater Sewer		
	WATER AND WASTE DEPARTMENT **ENGINEERING DIVISION**		**FIGURE: 1**
		DATE: May 25, 2004	**SCALE: NTS**