Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – October 19, 2005

REPORTS

Minute No. 616 Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund Applications – City of Winnipeg Projects File S-7

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee recommends to Council:

1. That the Administration prepare applications for Manitoba Rural Infrastructure Fund (MRIF) for the following projects identified in the Capital Budget Forecast, within areas that have not benefited from other infrastructure programs:

    A. $2 million for a Traffic Signal Management System. This project will provide for more efficient and coordinated operation of traffic lights, which will improve traffic flows within the City and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. It is also consistent with recommendations in the Rapid Transit Task Force Final Report.

    B. $1.808 million for a package of improvements within various City Parks and Greenspaces, including:

        i. $450,000.00 for Pathway/Roadway/Tennis Court Upgrading
        ii. $250,000.00 for Playground Replacements
        iii. $200,000.00 for Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities
        iv. $100,000.00 for athletic field improvements at Kirkbridge Park
        v. $200,000.00 for new washroom facilities at St. Vital Park
        vi. $200,000.00 for improvements at Whittier Park
        vii. $408,000.00 for improvements along the Assiniboine River Walk

2. That the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to submit an MRIF application(s) for the projects outlined in Recommendation No. 1 and inform Council Members of project locations through the standard process for capital projects of this nature.

Further, the Executive Policy Committee referred the proposal to pave portions of Gunn Road and Redonda Streets to the Capital Budget process, as it is not currently included in the Capital Budget Forecast.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Eadie,

That Rule 9.3 of the Procedure By-law be suspended in order that the following item, which was received too late to be placed on the regular agenda, be considered by Committee.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Eadie,

WHEREAS the Federal-Provincial Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (MRIF) was established by the Federal and Provincial governments to provide funding for projects that enhance community facilities, greenspaces or the environment;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is eligible to make applications for funding under MRIF;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg's Capital Budget Forecast provides a list of projects that have been approved in principle by City Council;

AND WHEREAS several areas of civic operations have recently received or expect to receive funding from other infrastructure programs, including the Canadian Strategic Infrastructure Fund, Infrastructure Canada Program and federal gas tax sharing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Administration be directed to prepare applications for MRIF for the following projects identified in the Capital Budget Forecast, within areas that have not benefited from other infrastructure programs:

A. $2 million for a Traffic Signal Management System. This project will provide for more efficient and coordinated operation of traffic lights, which will improve traffic flows within the City and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. It is also consistent with recommendations in the Rapid Transit Task Force final report.

B. $1.808 million for a package of improvements within various City parks and greenspaces, including:

- $450,000 for Pathway/Roadway/Tennis Court Upgrading
- $250,000 for Playground Replacements
- $200,000 for Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

- $100,000 for athletic field improvements at Kirkbridge Park
- $200,000 for new washroom facilities at St. Vital Park
- $200,000 for improvements at Whittier Park
- $408,000 for improvements along the Assiniboine River Walk

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to submit an MRIF application(s) for these projects and inform Council members of project locations through the standard process for capital projects of this nature,

and forwarded to Council,

ALSO BE IT RESOLVED that the proposal to pave portions of Gunn and Redonda Streets be referred to the Capital Budget process, as it is not currently included in the Capital Budget Forecast.