Agenda - Executive Policy Committee – November 30, 2005

REPORTS

Item No. 6 General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres – Riverview Community Centre
File PR-2(32)

On November 18, 2005, the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres recommended to the Executive Policy Committee:

1. That the Report to City of Winnipeg Council Members dated November 22, 2005 be received as information.

2. That Executive Policy Committee approve the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres' recommendation to allow Riverview Community Centre to proceed with the expansion of their existing garage by an additional 440 square feet (as outlined in the report dated November 14, 2005).

REPORT

FROM: General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres

TO: Executive Policy Committee

DATE: November 18, 2005

RE: Report on Progress and Recommendation on Riverview Project

REASON:

In the City of Winnipeg's Recreation, Leisure, and Library Facilities Policy adopted by Council in May 2005, the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres was granted additional responsibilities for planning and governing the Community Centre model in Winnipeg. It is stated in the policy that the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres will keep Council informed as to consultation activities and project proposals and will make recommendations on capital projects. The policy further stipulates that the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres will report to Council through Executive Policy Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the attached Report to City of Winnipeg Council Members dated November 22, 2005 be received as information.

2. That Executive Policy Committee approve the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres' recommendation to allow Riverview Community Centre to proceed with the expansion of their existing garage by an additional 440 square feet (explanatory report attached).

GENERAL COUNCIL OF WINNIPEG COMMUNITY CENTRES

For Submission to: Executive Policy Committee

Report Date: November 14, 2005

RECOMMENDATION:

That Executive Policy Committee approve the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centre's recommendation to allow Riverview Community Centre to proceed with the expansion of their existing garage by an additional 440 square feet.

REPORT HISTORY:

- The Riverview Community Centre requested that the City Centre District Community Centre Board approve an expansion of 440 square feet to the centre's existing garage. This expansion will enable the Community Centre to store a Zamboni that was recently acquired by the Centre.
- On November 3, 2005, the City Centre District Community Centre Board approved the Riverview Garage Expansion Project.
- On November 7, 2005, the Board of General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres concurred with the City Centre District Community Centres Board ..

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Riverview Community Centre has obtained a second hand Ice Surfacing Machine (Zamboni). The Zamboni is currently being stored off-site and the community centre is proposing to construct an addition on the north side of their existing tractor garage in order to store this new piece of equipment. It is estimated that the total construction cost will be in the range of $32,000. The Community Centre has made application to the City of Winnipeg Community Incentive Grant Program for funding assistance.

RECREATION AND LEISURE FACILITY POLICY:

The General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres is supportive of City Council's newly adopted policy on recreation and leisure facilities. In striving to improve the long term sustainability of the City's recreation and leisure facilities, this policy commits to maintaining the total amount of existing heated square footage of Community Centre space without increasing it. To be consistent with the policy, this additional 440 square feet of space will be

accounted for in the coming months as each of the five District Boards undertakes the preparation of a comprehensive plan for its facilities.

The Riverview project was approved at this early stage because it is relatively minor in scale, it does not add programmable footage to the inventory, and because there is some urgency in housing the new equipment for the winter. It is expected that in the future, project recommendations will come forward within the context of District Plans.

The General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres has recently employed a Community Centre Facility Planner who will be working with the Community Centres and the District Community Centre Boards to develop the district community centre plans. The GCWCC Community Centre Facility Planner will be responsible for consulting with the community centres to identify and prioritize the recreational and leisure needs of the local neighbourhood, the district and the city overall in keeping with the parameters of the Recreation and Leisure Facility Policy.