Friends of Sherbrook Pool Submission

Presentation to Community Committee
06 December 2005

1. **75th Anniversary Funding Support (Angela/Kris)**
   Next spring will mark the 75th anniversary of the oldest public bath in Western Canada. Befitting this occasion, we would like to work with neighbourhood groups and communities to celebrate.

   We are in conversation with *Art City* to have the users develop a permanent sculpture/art object to commemorate the 75th anniversary. We are proposing a street party, kids events and dedication of Art City object. We anticipate press coverage and lots of community and private sector involvement.

   Would like a subcommittee with membership:
   - Pool employee(s)
   - Art City representative(s)
   - Friends of Sherbrook Pool representative(s)
   - City of Winnipeg representative(s)
   - Heritage Winnipeg representative(s)
   - Community Members (book project – Ron, Spence Street Community association)

   Possible dates:
   Sunday 28th May, Sunday 4th June

   How do you support these events?
   We expect to have the following costs:
   - Street closure ($600)
   - Food etc ($800)
   - Banner for pool & installation ($1500)
   - Permanent Art object ($2500)
   - Promotion ($1000)

   As much as possible, FOSP will ask for inkind contributions and donations from the private and public sector but hope the City will also support this event.

2. **Winnipeg Partnership Agreement (Angela/Kris)**
   The new Winnipeg Partnership Agreement was signed on May 20, 2004 by the governments of Canada, Manitoba and Winnipeg. It will fund projects in four strategic programs:

   - **Aboriginal Participation:** to enhance opportunities for Aboriginal people to participate fully in Winnipeg's economy and community life
   - **Building Sustainable Neighbourhoods:** to enhance neighbourhood renewal and build human capacity to ensure economic viability
   - **Downtown Renewal:** to revitalize Winnipeg's downtown as a centre of commerce, entertainment, education and urban-life

- **Supporting Innovation and Technology:** to build a knowledge-based economy and expand Winnipeg's national and international economic competitiveness

Of the 4 stated strategic programs, Sherbrook Pool addresses three directly:

- Aboriginal Participation in Winnipeg's community life
- Building Sustainable Neighbourhoods in a highrisk area of downtown Winnipeg
- Downtown Renewal – entertainment, education and urban life.

We expect Councillor Smith to put forth a motion that the City of Winnipeg supports and endorses the Friends of Sherbrook Pool's access of funds to support the Winnipeg Partnership Agreement's vision of Winnipeg as "a vibrant, prosperous and healthy city that values diversity and provides all of its citizens opportunities for full participation in the economy and society."

3. Ongoing Maintenance and Mechanical Issues (Jim/Randy)

In the past, FOSP has been made aware of mechanical and maintenance issues. Currently, we are not informed as much as we would like in order to support and advocate for the upkeep of this heritage site.

Friends of Sherbrook Pool is concerned about the lack of ongoing repair and maintenance at Sherbrook Pool as the longer these issues are left, the more costly they are to address.

Known Issues:

- Painting: Stands, lobby
- Full Maintenance shutdown has not occurred recently
- Domestic hot water tank needs to be relined
- Sloping sidewalk, north side of building results in ice build up in front of fire exit.
- Urinals in men's changeroom
- No onsite maintenance; has been reassigned to Sargent Park

Postive: Cleaning has improved since it was contracted out.

Sherbrook Pool & Friends of Sherbrook Pool (FOSP), 1992 Inc.

Outline of Events re: City of Winnipeg Capital Funds Commitment

1994 - 1995

- City Hall agreed to save Sherbrook Pool from demolition.
- Full City of Winnipeg Council **allocated $1.2 Million** for renovations to Sherbrook Pool, payable in **five yearly installments of $240K** each; funding given through Canada Infrastrucutre Program.
- Renovations and refurbishments to be completed by 1999.
- Sherbrook Pool receives **first of five $240K** allocations from City.

1996

- Sherbrook Pool receives **second of five $240K** allocations from City
- **Phase I Upgrade:** Infrastructure grant of $500K plus two $240K instalments from City of Winnipeg spent on exterior walls, new windows and vapour barrier.
- **Phase II Upgrade:** Release of funds from feds/province contingent on City of Winnipeg release of funds.

1997 – 2003

- FOSP attempts to have remaining $720K released to fulfill City of Winnipeg's obligation through dialogue, discussion, presentation and negotiation.

2004

- Release of Public Use Facilities Study.
- PUFS declares $4 Million repairs/refurbishment required but City will not provide breakdown of said estimate.
- FOSP responds to suggestion to "surplus" Sherbrook Pool.