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Minute No. 153 Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund Applications - January 2006
File S-7

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the administrative recommendation, namely:

1. That the Manitoba Rural Infrastructure Fund Application put forward by the Linden Woods Facility Development Committee, be referred to the General Council of Winnipeg Centres to provide its recommendation on the matter for consideration by the Executive Policy Committee, in accordance with the Council approved Recreation and Leisure Facilities Policy.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY

Moved by Councillor O'Shaughnessy,

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, may also be considered by Committee at this time.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Steeves,

That the administrative recommendation be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

COUNCIL DECISION:

On September 28, 2005, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That the City of Winnipeg endorses the applications for funding for the below projects through the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (MRIF):

   A. Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone
   B. The YMCA-YWCA of Winnipeg
   C. The Asper Jewish Community Campus
   D. The St. James Rods Football Club

2. That the application for funding through the MRIF program for Enterprises Riel be deferred until the January 1, 2006 deadline to provide the applicant with further time to develop their proposal, considering the advice of the administration.

3. That the application for funding through the MRIF program for Crescentwood Community Centre project be referred to the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres for consideration and comment pursuant to Council's Recreation and Leisure Facility Policy.

4. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

RE: Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund Applications – Application Deadline January 1, 2006

FOR SUBMISSION TO: Executive Policy Committee

ORIGINAL REPORT SIGNED BY: Ursula Stelman, Director
Community Services Department

REPORT DATE: **January 16, 2006**

RECOMMENDATION(S):

- That the Manitoba Rural Infrastructure Fund Application put forward by the Linden Woods Facility Development Committee, be referred to the General Council of Winnipeg Centres to provide its recommendation on the matter for EPC consideration, in accordance with the Council approved Recreation and Leisure Facilities Policy.

REPORT SUMMARY:

Key Issues:

- At its meeting on June 29, 2005, Council adopted guidelines with respect to the endorsement of applications for funding under the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (MRIF)
- The City of Winnipeg will not endorse any MRIF application from an external group which requires a capital contribution from the City.
- To allow all groups equal opportunity to apply, Council set three deadline dates for consideration of MRIF applications: September 1, 2005, January 1, 2006, and June 1, 2006.
- One application was received at the January 1, 2006 deadline. The application relates to a 13,360 square foot expansion to the Linden Woods Satellite Facility of the Victoria Linden Woods Community Centre.
- At its meeting on May 18, 2005 Council adopted the City of Winnipeg Recreation, Leisure and Libraries Facilities Policy which mandated a leadership role for the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres with respect to overall planning to enhance and sustain the community centre model.

Implications of the Recommendation(s):

General implications:

None

For the organization overall &/or for other departments

X **For the community and/or organizations external to the City**

Involves a multi-year contract

Comment(s):

MRIF applications require endorsement by the City; this particular application first requires a recommendation by the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres in keeping with Council policy.

Policy implications:

X **No**

Yes Comment(s):

There are no policy implications associated with the recommendation of this report. However, should the application receive favourable approval, there are a number of policy implications including the following:

Recreation, Leisure and Libraries Facilities Policy – With respect to this policy the project would have an impact to the square footage cap as it relates towards more sustainable facilities.

Financial implications – There are additional financial implications which the City of Winnipeg would become responsible for funding including: debt & financing charges, preventative maintenance and operating grant increases.

Universal Funding Formula Policy – With increased square footage to the facility, Council would need to consider an increase to the grant for the facility to the Victoria Linden Woods Community Centre.

The application does not address environmental impacts and therefore this aspect would require attention along with public consultation.

Environmental implications:

X **No**

Yes Comment(s):

Human Resources implications:

X **No**

Yes Comment(s):

Financial implications:

X **Within approved current and/or capital budget**

Current and/or capital budget adjustment required
Comment(s):
There are no financial implications associated with the recommendation of this report.

REASON FOR THE REPORT:

The policy guidelines for funding under the MRIF, adopted by Council on June 29, 2005 require external groups to provide copies of their MRIF application to the Executive Policy Committee Secretariat for review and comment by the Administration.

HISTORY:

At its meeting of June 29, 2005, Council adopted policy guidelines to regulate the endorsement of applications applying for funding under the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (MRIF).

Specific to this application, at its meeting of May 18, 2005, Council adopted the Recreation and Leisure Facilities Policy.

DISCUSSION:

The only MRIF application received from external groups for the January 1, 2006 deadline was an application from the Linden Woods Facility Development Committee for a facility development.

The project is a 13,360 square foot expansion to the existing 4,100 square foot Linden Woods Satellite site of the Victoria Linden Woods Community Centre. The expansion is to include a gymnasium, raised stage, activity rooms and full basement**. It should be noted that the application is from the satellite facility committee and not from the Victoria Linden Woods Community Centre. In addition the actual name on the application is the** *"City of Winnipeg***" and** *not the Linden Woods Satellite Facility Development Committee* **which may create a perception that this project is endorsed by the City of Winnipeg.**

Total eligible costs: $3.1 m
Applicant's contribution: $1.0 m (source of applicant funding not identified)

On May 18th, 2005, Council adopted the Recreation, Leisure and Library Facilities Policy. This policy provides the overall process and guidelines to aid Council in its decision-making with respect to recreation and leisure facilities. The policy also mandates a new leadership role for the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres (GCWCC), in facilitating a strong and more sustainable Community Centre model in Winnipeg. Reporting directly to the Executive Policy Committee, GCWCC's new governance role includes working with Community Centre District Boards to plan, optimize and reconfigure Community Centre space within the limitation of maintaining the existing square footage of recreation and leisure space.

In keeping with the Recreation, Leisure and Library Facilities Policy, GCWCC Board must provide a recommendation relative to any expansion plans for community centres, in the context of its overall planning to enhance and sustain the community centre model.

In addition, there would be a number of further policy implications to note when considering this MRIF application as follows:

- The Recreation, Leisure and Libraries Facilities Policy Section 4 states that 'the net square footage of City owned space for general recreational and leisure programming will be sustained at the current level (city-wide) but will not be increased'.
- With increased square footage to the facility as proposed in the MRIF application, and in accordance with the Universal Funding Formula Policy, Council would need to consider an increase to the grant to the Victoria Linden Woods Community Centre.
- There are additional financial implications which the City of Winnipeg would become responsible for funding including: debt & financing charges, preventative maintenance and operating grant increases.
- The application does not address environmental impacts and therefore this aspect would require attention along with public consultation.

Financial Impact Statement

Date: January 16, 2006

Project Name:

First Year of Program

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	0	1	2	3	4
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required					
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs					
Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Funding Sources:					
Debt - Internal					
Debt - External					
Grants (Enter Description Here)					
Reserves, Equity, Surplus					
Other - Enter Description Here					
Total Funding	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -				
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:

The City has no financial implications related to this report.

Clive Wightman, BA, CGA
Manager of Finance and Administrative Services

IN PREPARING THIS REPORT THERE WAS CONSULTATION WITH, AND CONCURRENCY BY:

- Chief Administrative Office (Strategic Management)
- EPC Secretariat

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