Minute No. 725
Report – Executive Policy Committee – October 19, 2005

Item No. 6 **Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund Applications – City of Winnipeg Projects**
File S-7

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

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.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Katz,

That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 19, 2005, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion:

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- $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 submitted the matter 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.