Agenda - Council - April 26, 2006

Report - Executive Policy Committee – April 12, 2006

Item No. 2 Byng (Children's) Park and Toilers (Memorial) Park - Land Dedication Reserve
File EP-2

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 12, 2006, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the City Centre Community Committee and submits the following to Council:

1. That the cost of the Phase 1 restoration of the Byng (Children's) Park and Toilers (Memorial) Park, in the amount of $25,000.00, be allocated from the City Centre Community Committee Land Dedication Reserve to the Northeast Fort Garry Homeowners Association Inc.

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

Report - Executive Policy Committee – April 12, 2006

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 12, 2006, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the City Centre Community Committee and submitted the matter to Council.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 4, 2006, the City Centre Community Committee recommended:

1. That the cost of the Phase 1 restoration of the Byng (Children's) Park and Toilers (Memorial) Park, in the amount of $25,000.00, be allocated from the City Centre Community Committee Land Dedication Reserve to the Northeast Fort Garry Homeowners Association Inc.

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

and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee.

From: Sharon Flood
Sent: Thursday, March 09, 2006 5:50 PM
To: Gerbasi, Jenny
Cc: Kerri Irvin-Ross
Subject: Northeast Fort Garry Homeowners Association Inc Request For Funding

Attention: Jenny Gerbasi
Councilor, City of Winnipeg

RE: Northeast Fort Garry Homeowners Association Inc. - Request for funding Toilers & Byng Parks

Dear Jenny

Attached is a letter our Homeowners Association sent to you on January 23, 2006 requesting $25,000 to be used towards the restoration of Byng (Children's) Park and Toilers (Memorial) Park.

On February 7, 2006, following your receipt of the letter, you had a telephone discussion with our treasurer, Marjory Harvey. In that conversation you indicated that funding may be available through the ***Land Dedication Reserve Fund*** and requested an email from us outlining how that money would be spent.

The attached Excel file contains figures calculated by Donna Beaton, City of Winnipeg Urban Designer that addresses the preliminary cost estimates for phase one for Byng Park only. The cost is approx. $25,000.

The restoration of both Byng Park and Toilers Park is planned in two phases. One phase per year. The **total cost of both parks** over the two years is an estimated **$102,895** (not including a further $110,000 needed for riverbank stabilization). I understand that a copy of this Preliminary Estimates for Toilers and Byng Phase 1 & 2 has previously been sent to you in hard copy. We would be happy to fax you another copy if required.

Funding to date:
Norm Fear, Superintendent of Parks - South Area: Carry-over from 2005 budget year : $30,000
Winnipeg Foundation: (must be spent on Toilers Park only) $10,000

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our treasurer, Marjory Harvey by telephone at 475-1086.

I have also attached a (scanned) letter of concern from Mr. Warren Ferguson, son of the owner of the land that is now Toilers Park.

I was pleased to see on the Website that you indicate you are " working diligently to maintain and improve city services and to assist community groups in finding the resources they need in order to improve their own programs." Thank you in advance for your assistance in helping us with our project by making this a reality.

Best Regards

Sharon Flood
Director
Northeast Fort Garry Homeowners Association Inc.

Northeast Fort Garry Homeowners Association

Winnipeg, Manitoba

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January 23, 2006

Mrs. J. Gerbasi, Councillor
City of Winnipeg
510 Main Street
Winnipeg, MB R3B 1B9

Dear Jenny:

RE: Toilers and Byng Parks

If you recall, we spoke on the phone in March 2005 relative to funds you indicated would be available to our association relative to the restoration of the above parks. As we have not heard from you and City of Winnipeg year-end will soon be upon us, we would appreciate knowing the amount of money you have allocated from the Land Dedication Money.

Norm Fear, Superintendent of Parks – South Area, and Donna Beaton, Landscape Designer, are aware of the neglect of these parks and the feelings of the residents in this area. Norm and Donna have been working with our association since May 2004 when I met with them to discuss and "walk" the parks. Norm was to send you a copy of the plans.

Some work was to have been completed in 2005. However, nothing was accomplished. Donna is presently rescheduling the plans for these two parks. Costs will run in the vicinity of $92,000 and this does not include stabilization of the riverbank, which we are losing yearly.

Our association has submitted a grant application to The Winnipeg Foundation (through the support of the Fort Garry Historical Society) and is rushing to complete the "Community Places" application (deadline Feb 15, 2006). For this we are required to state funds requested, as well as funds available to us.

Therefore, we would appreciate your advising the amount you have allocated for these parks for 2005 and 2006. We will require at least $25,000 and hopefully you can free up some extra dollars.

We look forward to a favourable reply before our next meeting, possibly with Donna Beaton, in early February.

Yours truly,

Marjory Harvey
Treasurer

Cc Bruce Gunn, President

Winnipeg, Manitoba,

February 23, 2006

Dear Mrs. Harvey,

Having more than a casual interest in Toiler Park, I am most dismayed at the present sorry condition of this park.

Returning from World War I, after serving with the Lord Strathcona Horse Cavalry, my father, Archie, was player/coach of the Toiler champions, and his brother, Walter (Waddy) and their close friend, John Warren p1ayed on the winning team. For many years my Uncle Waddy lived, in the summer, at a cottage built on the present site of the Toiler Park. It served more or less as a clubhouse for the Toilers and their families, and from the dock several youngsters learned to swim, as did I. In fact, at the age of six I could swim across the river and back.

When my father passed away, my mother turned the property over to the City with the stipulation that it be used in perpetuity as a park in honour of the Toiler Basketball Team.

Located on the Red River with an outstanding view of the old Elm Park Bridge, it has such potential for development and I truly hope that every effort will be made by the City planners to make the necessary improvements.

Yours truly,

Ferguson

Preliminary Estimates for Byng Park

- Phase One Only	Units	Appr. Q's	Unit Price	Amount
New park sign	ea	1	$ 400.00	$ 400.00
New deciduous trees complete with 2 year maintenance	ea	15	$ 395.00	$ 5,925.00
Remove baseball back stop - repair damage	L.S.	1	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,500.00
Picnic Table	ea	1	$ 650.00	$ 650.00
Supply & install waste recepticals - Ornamental Metal slat	ea	1	$ 575.00	$ 575.00
New bench with back	ea	1	$ 1,100.00	$ 1,100.00
New Bench without back (btw. Basketball and Play area)	PHASE 2			
Granular base for existing site furnishings	m2	6	$ 19.00	$ 114.00
Granular base for new furnishings	m2	12	$ 16.00	$ 192.00
Upgrades to playstructure (weed removal, timber repairs)	allow	1	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,500.00
Replace or add spring rider	L.S.	1	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,500.00
Asphalt Basketball court (incl. Excavation & base prep)	PHASE 2			
Basketball standard complete with footing	PHASE 2			
Line painting	PHASE 2			
Remove existing light duty fence Riverside Drive	lin.m	30.5	$ 12.00	$ 366.00
Install new 1.5m high city standard chain link fence	lin.m	27	$ 55.00	$ 1,485.00
Install 2.4m high fence along portion of lane (NE corner)	lin.m	28.5	$ 80.00	$ 2,280.00
Subtotal				$ 17,587.00
GST 3%				$ 527.61
Contingency 10%				$ 1,811.46
SUB TOTAL				**$ 19,926.07**
Funding Request from Land Dedication Reserve Fund				**$25,000.00**
less preliminary estimate line 25				$ 19,926.07
Difference				$5,073.93
Additional Upgrades to children's play structure as recently requested				**$5,073.93**
by neighbors				
Total estimate for phase one restoration Byng Park				**$ 25,000.00**