Report – Executive Policy Committee – September 21, 2006

Item No. 9 Dunkirk Buffer Reforestation - Land Dedication Reserve
File EP-2

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 21, 2006, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Riel Community Committee and submits the following to Council:

1. That funding to assist with the cost of the Dunkirk Buffer Reforestation project, in the amount of $920.95, be allocated from the Riel Land Dedication Reserve to The Glen Avenue Neighbourhood Community Group.

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 21, 2006, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Riel Community Committee and submitted the matter to the Council.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 19, 2006, the Riel Community Committee recommended:

1. That funding to assist with the cost of the Dunkirk Buffer Reforestation project, in the amount of $920.95, be allocated from the Riel Land Dedication Reserve to The Glen Avenue Neighbourhood Community Group.

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: Nixon, Kevin
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2006 9:23 AM
To: Pittet, Marc
Subject: RE: TREES FOR DUNKIRK BUFFER

Yes, that appears to be Parks land so it would meet the expenditure criteria.

Kevin Nixon, Park Strategic Planner

-----Original Message-----
From: Pittet, Marc
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2006 8:20 AM
To: Nixon, Kevin
Subject: FW: TREES FOR DUNKIRK BUFFER

Hi Kevin,

Would this qualify for Land Dedication Funding?

Marc Pittet

From: Steeves, Gord
Sent: Saturday, September 09, 2006 4:59 PM
To: matt brown
Cc: Pittet, Marc
Subject: RE: TREES FOR DUNKIRK BUFFER

Hi Matt,

I will likely be able to secure all of this funding. I will put it on my next agenda for a grant-I am not sure when you will get the maoney but I hope it will be in October. Stay in touch. Marc could we look at an LDR on this?

Gord

From: matt brown [mailto:matthew_brown@shaw.ca]
Sent: Fri 9/8/2006 9:42 PM
To: Steeves, Gord
Subject: TREES FOR DUNKIRK BUFFER

To: Councillor Gord Steeves

From:

Matt Brown

September 8th, 2006

The Glen Avenue Neighbourhood Community is still planning to plant Spruce trees in The Natural Forest Area at the west end of Glen Avenue in The Dunkirk Buffer.

Please refer to our previous correspondence of June 7th and 10th.

After discussion with The City of Winnipeg Public Works Department it was decided to leave the 30 missing and dead Siberian Elm trees along the Glen Avenue back lane facing Fermor Avenue. This is best addressed as a separate project at a later date because there are some issues as to which species of tree should be used for replanting and The Manitoba Hydro easement along the lane.

The plan for now is to concentrate on 10 Spruce trees for The Dunkirk Buffer. One of the trees will replace an older tree which recently died. That will give 9 new trees for The Dunkirk Buffer.

After discussion with Julie Sveinson of The City of Winnipeg Revegetation Department, Pierre at Aubin Nurseries, Jeremy at Shelmerdine Garden Centre, Wayne at Shade & Shrub Nursery & Supply and one of the staff at Ron Paul Greenhouses, 2 things were discovered:

1. Due to the long, hot ,dry summer it is best to go for a fall planting in late September or early October when the weather is cooler and there is more moisture in the ground.

2. Spruce trees are better than Pine trees because Spruce trees have better salt resistance. There is a great amount of salt used on Dunkirk Drive and the traffic and wind blow the salt spray into The Natural Forest Area of The Dunkirk Buffer.

The best price for 10 Spruce trees 3 to 4 feet in height delivered to the site is from Shade & Shrub Nursery & Supply. Also Wayne at Shade & Shrub is very knowledgeable and has previously worked with Winnipeg Community Projects. He asked many questions as to what the trees are being used for and the type of soil they will be planted in etc.

There are 2 types of Spruce trees; Fat Albert Colorado Spruce which are a selected species of thick full needle trees and have the best salt resistance, and the regular Colorado Spruce which are not as full needle and do not have as much salt resistance.

The Glen Avenue Neighbourhood Community hopes to plant 10 of the Fat Albert Colorado Spruce trees in the Dunkirk Buffer.

Here is an estimate of the cost:

$660.00	10 Fat Albert Colorado Spruce Trees 36 " to 48" @ $66 per tree
80.00	Top soil for around the roots when planting
75.00	Delivery to the planting site in a closed trailer
$815.00	
57.05	PST
48.90	GST
$920.95	Total

All labour, planting and follow up watering will be provided by The Glen Avenue Neighbourhood Community.

I am enclosing an estimate from Shade & Shrub Nursery & Supply.

Thank you for your continued support in this project.

Sincerely

Matt Brown