Minute No. 125
Report - Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works - January 9, 2007

Item No. 3 **First Call on the 2007 Capital Budget - Charleswood and Wilkes South Land Drainage Project**
File FC(2007)

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works and submits the following to Council:

1. That an expenditure of $300,000.00 be authorized before the 2007 Capital Budget is adopted, as a first call against the 2007 Tax Supported Capital Budget to begin the process of acquiring lands to allow the construction of a major drain in South Charleswood between Loudoun and McCreary Road in the vicinity of the existing Howe Avenue right-of-way.

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:

Moved by Councillor Steeves,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 9, 2007, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works concurred in the administrative recommendation and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

RE: FIRST CALL ON THE 2007 CAPITAL BUDGET – CHARLESWOOD & WILKES SOUTH LAND DRAINAGE PROJECT

FOR SUBMISSION TO: THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS

ORIGINAL REPORT SIGNED BY: The Director of the Water and Waste Department

REPORT DATE: December 19, 2006

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Council authorize an expenditure of $300,000.00 before the 2007 Capital Budget is adopted, as a first call against the 2007 Tax Supported Capital Budget to begin the process of acquiring lands to allow the construction of a major drain in South Charleswood between Loudoun and McCreary Road in the vicinity of the existing Howe Ave right-of-way.

REPORT SUMMARY

KEY ISSUES:

Council approval is required for a first call on an expenditure of capital funds prior to the adoption of the capital budget.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION(S):

General Implications

- [X] None
- [ ] For the organization overall and/or for other departments
- [ ] For the community and/or organizations external to the City of Winnipeg
- [ ] Involves a multi-year contract

Comment(s):

Policy Implications

- [X] No
- [ ] Yes - Comment(s) :

Regulatory Implications

- [X] None
- [ ] Eliminates or reduces regulatory impact
- [ ] Proposes regulatory impact

Comment(s):

Environmental Implications

- [X] None

[ ] Yes - Comment(s):

Human Resources Implications

[X] No
[ ] Yes - Comment(s):

Financial Implications

[X] Within proposed current and/or capital budget
[ ] Current and/or capital budget adjustment required
Comment(s):

REPORT

REASON FOR THE REPORT:

Council approval, through a first call against the 2007 Capital Budget is required in order to expend 2007 Capital funds prior to the adoption of the 2007 Capital Budget.

HISTORY:

On September 20, 2000, Council adopted the Charleswood Land Drainage Study as a new capital project and that $155,000.00 in surplus cash flow forecasted funds from the Combined Sewer Relief (Tax Supported) be approved to fund the Charleswood Land Drainage Study.

On March 5, 2002, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works approved a recommendation to transfer an additional $155,000.00 in surplus cash flow forecasted funds from the Combined Sewer Relief (Tax Supported) project for further investigations of the Charleswood Land Drainage Study. The new total budget for the Charleswood Land Drainage study was $310,000.00.

Funds in the amount of $1,300,000.00 have been included in the proposed 2007 Capital Budget for a Charleswood & Wilkes South Land Drainage Project. An additional $1,199,000.00 is included in the 2008 forecast of the proposed 2007 Capital Budget submission.

DISCUSSION:

On July 7, 2000 a severe rainstorm occurred which resulted in overland and basement flooding in numerous locations within the Charleswood area. In the area south of Wilkes Avenue many of the ditches overflowed and inundated private property including private sewer and water facilities

In September 20, 2000 Council approved undertaking the Charleswood Land Drainage Study which was to assess the current land drainage system and to re-examine the regional drainage or master drainage plan for the Charleswood area. The concept plans for the long-term regional system has been revised and cost estimates developed.

The study also explored various options to upgrade various components of the system to help alleviate long term drainage and overland flooding problems. One option that has technical and economic merit is the construction of the Howe Avenue drain. The purpose of this drain would be to provide enhanced drainage principally to the Liberty Street and Loudoun Road area south of Wilkes Avenue. This new drain would carry runoff from Loudoun Road and Liberty Street eastward to McCreary Road and then through an existing drain to the Inland Cement Plant stormwater retention pond. Currently runoff from these streets is conveyed southward from Wilkes Avenue to 4 Mile Road and then to the Lot 16 Drain. Constructing this Howe Avenue

drain provides an alternate outlet for runoff and reduces the degree of flooding that now occurs in the vicinity of Loudoun Road and 4 Mile Road as well as McCreary Road and 4 Mile Road.

The cost of the Howe Avenue drain is estimated to be between $1.3 million to $1.5 million and will involve land acquisition and construction of a combination of an open ditch and pipe system. To allow construction of the drain to proceed in 2007, and reduce flooding in the area, requires initiating the purchase of private lands as soon as possible to establish a Right-of-Way for the drain. To proceed now, Council authorization is required for an expenditure of $300,000.00 before the 2007 Capital Budget is adopted, as a first call against the 2007 Tax Supported Capital Budget.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The following financial impact statement for this project has been prepared in accordance with the recommendation adopted by Council on December 13, 2000.

Financial Impact Statement

Date: December 19, 2006

Project Name: **First Year of Program** **2007**

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	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required	$ 300,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Additional Capital Budget Required	$ 300,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Funding Sources:					
Debt - Internal	$ 300,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Debt - External	-	-	-	-	-
Grants (Enter Description Here)	-	-	-	-	-
Reserves, Equity, Surplus	-	-	-	-	-
Other - Enter Description Here	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funding	$ 300,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Additional Capital Budget Required	$ 300,000				
Total Additional Debt Required	$ 300,000				
Current Expenditures/Revenues					
Direct Costs	$ 8,738	$ 30,000	$ 30,000	$ 30,000	$ 30,000
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery	8,738	-	-	-	-
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ -	$ 30,000	$ 30,000	$ 30,000	$ 30,000
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	-	-	-	-	-
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ 30,000	$ 30,000	$ 30,000	$ 30,000

Additional Comments: Funds recommended have been requested in the 2007 Capital Budget Submission. Funding source is the Equity in Capital Assets Fund.

"Original signed by L. Fisher, C.A."

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