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Report - Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works - November 21, 2006

Item No. 3 First Call against the 2007 Capital Budget - Portable Flood Pumps File WE

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 $250,000.00 be authorized before the 2007 Capital Budget is adopted, as a first call against the 2007 Tax Supported Capital Budget in order to procure a contract for the purchase, delivery and set-up of portable flood pumps in time for preparations for the 2007 spring flood related activities.

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 O'Shaughnessy,

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 November 21, 2006, 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 - PORTABLE FLOOD PUMPS

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: November 3, 2006

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Council authorize an expenditure of $250,000.00 before the 2007 Capital Budget is adopted, as a first call against the 2007 Tax Supported Capital Budget in order to procure a contract for the purchase, delivery and set-up of portable flood pumps in time for preparations for the 2007 spring flood related activities.

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 February 22, 2006, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works and approved a new capital project for the purchase of portable pumping units. The estimated cost of the recommendation was $250,000.00 which allowed for the purchase of five pumps in the spring of 2006.

The report dated January 20, 2006 for a new capital project for the purchase of portable pumping units also noted that funding will be included in future Capital Budget submissions for replacement of additional existing pumps which had reached the end of its useful life expectancy and could not be depended upon for future flood fighting activities.

Funds in the amount of $250,000.00 have been included in the proposed 2007 Capital Budget for Portable Flood Pumps.

DISCUSSION:

The Water and Waste Department has an inventory of portable pumping units that are used to pump out the sewer systems during high water levels along the City's Rivers to prevent the possibility of basement flooding during a rainstorm. The existing inventory of 30 pumping units, many dating back to 1950, are in need of replacement.

As a result of the high river levels during the summer of 2005 it became apparent that much of the existing equipment owned by the City of Winnipeg had reached the end of its useful life expectancy and could not be depended upon for future flood fighting activities. A program has been established not only to replace these aging pumps but as the City grows, new locations are being added and therefore additional pumps are required. In 2006, 5 pumps were replaced with new up-to-date pumps. The purchase of these new up-to-date pumps provides for reliable flood fighting equipment and also enhances flood fighting capability by reducing the requirement for monitoring and repairing the pumping equipment. Having newer and more reliable equipment also releases operating staff to attend to other more pressing flood fighting activities.

Funding of $250,000.00 has been requested in each year of 2007, 2008 and 2009 in the 2007 – 2012 Capital Budget Submission for replacement of the aging existing portable flood pumps. This amount of funding will allow the replacement of approximately 4 to 5 key pumps per year.

To ensure the new pumps are available on site in time for preparation of the 2007 spring flood fighting activities in March, Council authorization for an expenditure of $250,000.00 before the 2007 Capital Budget is adopted, as a first call against the 2007 Tax Supported Capital Budget is required in order to procure a contract for the purchase, delivery and set-up of the portable flood pumps.

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: October 31, 2006

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

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	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required	$ 250,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs	250,000	-	-	-	-
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	$ 6,567	$ 25,000	$ 25,000	$ 25,000	$ 25,000
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery	6,567	-	-	-	-
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ -	$ 25,000	$ 25,000	$ 25,000	$ 25,000
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	-	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

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

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