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Minute No. 166 General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres – A Process to Deal with Issues related to the Universal Funding Formula Review File PR-2

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee laid over the matter for 30 days.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Steeves,

That matter be laid over for 30 days.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 29, 2006, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres, with the following amendments, namely:

- Delete Recommendation 3 in its entirety and replace it with the following:
  "3. That the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to report back to the Executive Policy Committee within 60 days with recommendations on a process to deal with issues related to the interpretation and implementation of the Universal Funding Formula that cannot be resolved by the City of Winnipeg Administration and the Community Centres."

- Recommendation 4
  Delete the words "increased by five percent (5%), that this increase be effective January 1, 2007" and replace with the words "referred to the 2007 Operating Budget Process".

GENERAL COUNCIL OF WINNIPEG COMMUNITY CENTRES RECOMMENDATION:

On October 30, 2006, the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres recommended:

1. That the current Universal Funding Formula (UFF) City of Winnipeg / Community Centres Responsibilities Document, as adopted in the 2003 UFF Review, remain in effect until the 2008 Universal Funding Formula Review. The current Universal Funding Formula remains in effect until the 2008 UFF review.

2. That the Universal Funding Formula Review scheduled for 2008 be adhered to. This Review process will begin January, 2007 with planned completion and submission to the Executive Policy Committee by June 30, 2007.

3. That an arbitration process be established to deal with those issues of responsibility that cannot be resolved between the City of Winnipeg and the Community Centres.

4. That the overall community centre funding envelope be increased by five percent (5%), that this increase be effective January 1, 2007.

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Attention: Jo-Ann Park
Clerk of Executive Policy Committee

RE: 2003 Universal Funding Formula Review (UFF)

The Universal Funding Formula was developed in 1993, and approved by the General Council of Community Centre membership. UFF contained a mandated requirement for review every 5th year. In the fall of 2002, the Universal Funding Formula Review Committee was formed to review the existing UFF along with the City of Winnipeg as required by Council.

Recommendation:

That the current UFF City of Winnipeg / Community Centres Responsibilities Document as adopted in the 2003 UFF Review remain in effect until the 2008 Universal Funding Formula Review.
That the current Universal Funding Formula remains in effect until the 2008 UFF Review.

Rationale:

The 2003 UFF Review ran concurrently with the Public Use Facility Study, the Community Centre Task Force Review which was then followed by the adoption of the Recreation, Library and Leisure Facility Policy. As these reviews could possibly impact the UFF Review, the Task Force recessed until September 2005.

With the implementation of the Public Use Facility Report, Community Centre Review Task Force Report, the Recreation, Leisure and Library Facilities Report, and the completion of the first District Planning Process,

the UFF Review Committee renewed its efforts to complete the 2003 review and requested an extension from Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services.

As there are ongoing discussions between various City of Winnipeg Departments and GCWCC in respect to the review, we are proposing status quo with the UFF Funding Formula and Responsibilities Documents for this Review period.

Recommendation

That the UFF Review scheduled for 2008 be adhered to. This Review process will begin January, 2007 with planned completion and submission to EPC by June 30, 2007.

Rationale:

In the fall of 2006, GCWCC will be requesting that the District Community Centre Boards appoint their representatives to the 2008 UFF Review Task Force which will begin their review in January, 2007, with planned completion and full approval by GCWCC by April 2007 and submission to EPC by June, 2007.

Recommendation:

That an arbitration process be established to deal with those issues of responsibility that cannot be resolved between the City of Winnipeg and the Community Centres.

Rationale:

GCWCC and the City of Winnipeg agree that an Arbitration Committee be formed to deal with any issues of responsibility that cannot be resolved by the City of Winnipeg and the Community Centres. It is proposed that the committee be comprised of the Managers of Building Services, Community Services and Parks and Open Space along with the Executive Director and 2 other representatives of the GCWCC Board.

Recommendation

That the overall community centre funding envelope be increased by five percent (5%), that this increase be effective January 1, 2007.

Rationale:

Community Centre operating costs related to utilities, labour and maintenance continue to increase due to inflation and aging of facilities. The last increase in the Community Centre Operating Grant of two percent (2%) was granted in 2002.

Since the last increase the Consumer Price Index has increased by nearly 10%. A 5% increase represents 50% of the CPI increase over the affected period, acknowledges that an increase in funding is appropriate and allows for a more detailed assessment of need in the Review to begin in less than 6 months.

REPORT SUBMITTED BY:

The Universal Funding Formula Review Task Force and the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres
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