Minute No. 242
Report – Executive Policy Committee – February 21, 2007

Item No. 4 **Upgrading and Paving of Gunn Road from Redonda Street to Plessis Road - Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund Application**
File S-7

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That the City of Winnipeg endorse the application for funding through the Manitoba Rural Infrastructure Fund for the upgrading and paving of Gunn Road from Redonda Street to Plessis Road project, subject to the following condition:

   A. That the Rural Municipality of Springfield enter into a formal agreement with the City of Winnipeg to partner on the municipal share in the proposed upgrading and paving of Gunn Road from Redonda Street to Plessis Road.

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 His Worship Mayor Katz,
That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 21, 2007, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the administrative recommendation and submitted the matter to Council.

RE: THE UPGRADING AND PAVING OF GUNN ROAD FROM REDONDA STREET TO PLESSIS ROAD- CANADA/ MANITOBA MUNICIPAL RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND APPLICATION

FOR SUBMISSION TO: **EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**

ORIGINAL REPORT SIGNED BY: **L.S.W. Larkin, P. Eng., Director of Public Works**

REPORT DATE: **February 16th, 2007**

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approves the following recommendations:

1. That the City of Winnipeg endorse the application for funding from Canada-Manitoba Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund for the upgrading and paving of Gunn Road from Redonda Street to Plessis Road subject to the following conditions:

    - That the Rural Municipality (RM) of Springfield enters into a formal agreement with the City of Winnipeg to partner on the municipal share in the proposed upgrading and paving of Gunn Road.

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

Report Summary

Key Issues:

- Gunn Road between Redonda Street and Plessis Road is considered a boundary road between the City of Winnipeg and the Rural Municipality of Springfield.
- That the Rural Municipality of Springfield, as a beneficiary, enters into a formal agreement with the City of Winnipeg to partner on the municipal share in the proposed upgrading and paving of Gunn Road.
- The City has committed as part of the adopted 2007 Capital Budget partial funding towards the upgrading of Gunn Road in the amount of $900,000.
- Additional funding in the amount of $4.5 million would be required from the other funding partners.
- In the event this application is approved and the project goes forward, and the City of Winnipeg acts as project manager, Council approval would be required to expend funds in excess of the 2007 approved Capital budget for this project pending reimbursement from the other funding partners as detailed in the project funding agreements.

- The upgrading of Gunn Road, a collector street, would normally be constructed and funded as a Local Improvement. Council approval would be required to by-pass this policy.

Implications of the Recommendation(s):

General Implications

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

Comment(s): That the Rural Municipality of Springfield, as a beneficiary, enters into a formal agreement with the City of Winnipeg to partner on the municipal share in the proposed upgrading and paving of Gunn Road.

Policy Implications

	No
X	Yes

Comment(s): The upgrading of Gunn Road would generally be completed as a local improvement. Council approval is required to by-pass the local improvement policy and utilize City-at-large funding to support this proposed project.

Regulatory Implications

X	None
	Eliminates or reduces regulatory impact
	Proposes regulatory impact

Comment(s):

Environmental Implications

X	No
	Yes

Comment(s):

Human Resources Implications

X	No
	Yes

Comment(s):

Financial Implications

	Within approved current and/or capital budget
X	Current and/or capital budget adjustment required

Comment(s):

- The City has committed as part of the adopted 2007 Capital Budget partial funding towards the upgrading of Gunn Road in the amount of $900,000.
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Report

REASON FOR THE REPORT:

On January 25th, 2007 Council approved as part of the 2007 Capital Budget, the City's funding portion for the proposed upgrading and paving of Gunn Road from Redonda Street to Plessis Road. To complete the project, additional funding from the Canada-Manitoba Municipal Rural Infrastructure fund and the Rural Municipality of Springfield is necessary.

HISTORY:

- Beginning in 2001 there has been a number of initiatives between the City of Winnipeg and the RM of Springfield to upgrade Gunn Road. Ultimately these initiatives stalled and no agreements were reached.
- On January 25th, 2007 City Council approved as part of the 2007 Capital Budget, the proposed City funding for their portion of the upgrading of Gunn Road from Redonda Drive to Plessis Road.

DISCUSSION:

- Gunn Road between Plessis Road and Redonda Street is considered a boundary road between The City of Winnipeg and the RM of Springfield. Gunn Road has a gravel surface with a rural cross-section.
- *The Municipal Act* (sec. 295) provides that inter-municipal roads and drains are the joint responsibility of the respective municipalities.
- The Act also provides that a municipality may request another municipality to enter into an agreement to construct or maintain or to share costs of constructing or maintaining a municipal road, bridge or drain that crosses or runs along their boundaries or is located within either of their boundaries.
- The R.M of Springfield along with the City of Winnipeg have attempted to provide ongoing maintenance to this roadway with little success. The existing roadway structure cannot accommodate the current levels of vehicular use and is subject to failure in inclement weather conditions.
- The R.M of Springfield is currently developing an industrial park north of Gunn Road, this development will increase both car and truck traffic to Gunn Road further increasing its surface deterioration maintenance costs.

- This proposed 2007 project will include the upgrading of Gunn Road between Plessis Road and Redonda Street from an existing gravel roadway (rural cross section) to a paved roadway (rural Cross section).
- The upgrading will include; the replacement of the existing road sub-structure, the construction of an 8m wide asphaltic surface with 2.5 m wide granular shoulders, and ditch re-grading.
- The project will also include the re-alignment of Gunn Road at Day Street, the replacement of the existing corrugated steel culverts in the Cordite ditch with new concrete box culverts, and the addition of railway warning signals at the CEMR Pine Falls subdivision - railway crossing.
- The cost of upgrading and paving Gunn Road is estimated at $5,400,000 in 2007 dollars. This estimate does not include the upgrading of existing lighting.
- Based on the suggested funding formula of Federal (1/3), Provincial (1/3), RM of Springfield (1/6), City of Winnipeg (1/6) the City of Winnipeg's contribution is approximately $900,000.

Financial Impact Statement — Date: February 16th, 2007

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

THE UPGRADING AND PAVING OF GUNN ROAD - CANADA/ MANITOBA MUNICIPAL RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required	$ 5,400,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs	900,000	-	-	-	-
Additional Capital Budget Required	$ 4,500,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Funding Sources:					
Debt - Internal	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Debt - External	-	-	-	-	-
Grants (Enter Description Here)	3,600,000	-	-	-	-
Reserves, Equity, Surplus	-	-	-	-	-
Other - RM of Springfield	900,000	-	-	-	-
Total Funding	$ 4,500,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Additional Capital Budget Required	$ 4,500,000				
Total Additional Debt Required	$ -				
Current Expenditures/Revenues					
Direct Costs	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery	-	-	-	-	-
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	-	-	-	-	-
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments: • **The City has committed as part of the adopted 2007 Capital Budget partial funding towards the upgrading of Gunn Road in the amount of $900,000. Council approval would be required to expend funds in excess of the 2007 approved Capital budget for this project pending reimbursement from the other funding partners as detailed in the project funding agreements.**

Manager of Finance & Administration

IN PREPARING THIS REPORT THERE WAS:

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N/A

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N/A

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