Minute No. 761
Report - Executive Policy Committee – September 6, 2006

Item No. 7 **Council of Caribbean Organizations of Manitoba - 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 July 26, 2006 Council Motion be concurred in and the City of Winnipeg endorse the application for funding from the Council of the Caribbean Organizations of Manitoba through the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (MRIF) for a Caribbean Cultural Centre and that the criteria of the Council Policy on MRIF Program be waived in this instance.

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 September 6, 2006, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the July 26, 2006 Council Motion, pertaining to the City of Winnipeg endorsing the application for funding from the Council of the Caribbean Organizations of Manitoba through the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund for a Caribbean Cultural Centre and waiving the criteria of the Council Policy on MRIF in this instance, and submitted the matter to Council.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On July 26, 2006, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Pagtakhan,
Seconded by Councillor Magnifico,

WHEREAS the Council of Caribbean Organizations of Manitoba has requested the City of Winnipeg endorse an application to the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (MRIF) for development of a Caribbean Cultural Centre;

AND WHEREAS on July 19, 2006 Executive Policy Committee received as information an administrative report that outlined the scope of this project;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has a long history of supporting the development of cultural centres that celebrate the diversity of our city's population;

AND WHEREAS funding has been approved from the Land Dedication Reserve and Community Incentive Grant Program for the Council of Caribbean Organizations of Manitoba by Council on March 22, 2006 and the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee on February 21, 2006;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued)

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg endorse the application for funding from the Council of the Caribbean Organizations of Manitoba through the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund for a Caribbean Cultural Centre and that the criteria of the Council Policy on MRIF be waived in this instance.

On July 19, 2006, the Executive Policy Committee received as information the report from the Chief Administrative Officer dated July 13, 2006, on the Manitoba Rural Infrastructure Fund Applications received as of June 1, 2006 deadline.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On March 22, 2006, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee and adopted the following:

1. That funding in the amount of $30,000.00 to assist with the cost of the Caribbean Community Cultural Centre project be allocated from the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Land Dedication Reserve to the Council of Caribbean Organizations of Manitoba Inc.

2. That the criteria of the Council Policy for the Land Dedication Reserve Fund be waived for any expenditures which do not qualify.

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

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE DECISION:

On February 21, 2006, the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee concurred in the administrative recommendation and approved a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $10,000.00 funded from the Old Kildonan Ward allocation, not to exceed a maximum of 50% of the total project cost to the Council of Caribbean Organizations of Manitoba Inc. to assist with the cost of the Caribbean Community Cultural Centre project, subject to the following conditions:

1. Confirmation of other funding sources.
2. Approval of final plans and specifications for the project by the City of Winnipeg.
3. The applicant entering into a formal agreement with the City of Winnipeg.