Report – Executive Policy Committee – September 5, 2007

Item No. 3 Crescentwood Community Centre - Land Dedication Reserve (River Heights-East Fort Garry Ward) File EP-2

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 5, 2007, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the City Centre Community Committee and submits the following to Council:

1. That funding to assist with the cost of the installation of an air conditioning system, in the amount of $30,000.00 be allocated from the City Centre Land Dedication Reserve to the Crescentwood Community Centre.

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:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 17, 2007, the City Centre Community Committee recommended:

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

and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee.

-----Original Message-----
From: Gledhill, Larry C [mailto:]
Sent: Thursday, June 28, 2007 9:50 AM
To: Leipsic, Brenda
Subject: Crescentwood Community Centre - Air conditioning
Importance: High

Dear Councillor,

Thank you for your show of support and attendance at our Annual Crescentwood Community Centre Family BBQ, June 20th.

The weather was picture perfect and we had almost 900 neighbours and families come out to enjoy the evening with us!!

During the evening, you suggested to us that we should contact you if we had any specific needs or concerns that you might be able to assist us on. So, without trying to make you sorry that you made the offer here is our current issue.

The problem lies around the almost complete lack of air conditioning in the facility. (one small meeting room only). I don't know if it is due to global warming or just some unusual weather but we starting running into heat related issues last summer. At times the interior of the build is like a blast furnace. The overall effect, last year and this, in no particular order is;

- our Bingo fundraising program is experiencing a steep decline in attendance during the heat waves.

- we are finding it difficult to rent out our Social Hall during the summer month's and we have also had some cancellations, once people pre-booking discover that we have no AC. To this end we have been looking at trying to get these people to re-locate their social to the air conditioned Sir John Franklin facility but have not had any success to date.

- it is extremely hard on the full and part-time staff and anyone else trying to use the Centre, during the summer. It is especially difficult on anyone engaged in an active sport such as boxing.

- we have a very busy summer camp schedule and we find that it is extremely draining on the children also.

- the best solution to date is to open up all the doors in the building to try and get a breeze through the facility, if there is one. This has led to difficulties, at times, with mosquito's filling the facility. Of course with the West Nile virus presence this has been a source of concern for many staff and users of the building.

Our Board of Directors has discussed the issue in length and decided there is no reason to expect the weather patterns to change back and that we need to quickly do something about the situation, if at all possible. The decision has been made to investigate purchasing and installing some sort of AC system for the facility. There is some haste on this as we are soon coming into the hot part of the summer. To date the best quote that we have been able to secure, for a minimum workable system, is in the $60,000 range.

We are now starting to look at all our various options to try and raise/obtain the needed funds with the timeline constraints that we have. Any help or advice that you could give us would be more than greatly appreciated!

Thanking you in advance for your assistance in helping us resolve this problem!

Larry Gledhill
President
Crescentwood Community Centre