Minute No. 599
Report - Executive Policy Committee - September 19, 2007

Item No. 3 **Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund Application - Norberry-Glenlee Community Centre (St. Vital Ward)**
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 from Norberry-Glenlee Community Centre through the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund for their facility expansion project at the Norberry site.

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 by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 19, 2007, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the administrative recommendation and submitted the matter to Council.

RE: Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund Application – Norberry-Glenlee Community Centre

FOR SUBMISSION TO: Executive Policy Committee

ORIGINAL REPORT SIGNED BY: Clive Wightman, Director
Community Services Department

REPORT DATE: September 13, 2007

RECOMMENDATION:

- That Council endorse the subject Manitoba Rural Infrastructure Fund Application submitted by Norberry-Glenlee Community Centre.

Report Summary

Key Issues:

- At its meeting on June 29, 2005, Council adopted guidelines with respect to the endorsement of applications for funding under the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (MRIF). The City of Winnipeg will not endorse any MRIF application from an external group which requires a capital contribution from the City
- An MRIF application has been received from Norberry-Glenlee Community Centre to cover a $590,000 funding shortfall for its proposed facility expansion at the Norberry site.
- In order to ensure that funds committed by the Building Communities Initiative do not lapse GCWCC is formally requesting an extension of such funds from the province of Manitoba
- Norberry-Glenlee Community Centre has committed $100,000 of its own funds towards the project and has indicated they are seeking matching funds from the Community Incentive Grant Program or Land Dedication Reserve Fund to make up the City's 1/3 contribution to the MRIF application.

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
( ) 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) No
( ) Yes
Comment(s):

Human Resources Implications
(X) No
( ) Yes
Comment(s):

Financial Implications
(X) Within approved current and/or capital budget
( ) Current and/or capital budget adjustment required

Comment(s): Norberry-Glenlee Community Centre has committed $100,000 of its own funds towards the project and has indicated they are seeking matching funds from the Community Incentive Grant Program or Land Dedication Reserve Fund to make up the City's 1/3 contribution to the MRIF application.

The recommendation in this report is that Council endorses the subject MRIF application by Norberry-Glenlee Community Centre. There are no direct financial implications associated with this recommendation

Once the facility improvements are constructed, the City of Winnipeg will be responsible for second and third line maintenance of the facility as per the Community Centres Universal Funding Formula.

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REASON FOR THE REPORT:

The guidelines for funding under the MRIF, adopted by Council on June 29, 2005 require external groups to provide copies of their MRIF application to the Executive Policy Committee Secretariat for review and comment by the Administration.

HISTORY:

On July 26, 2006, Council approved the Greater Council of Winnipeg Community Centres (GCWCC) 2006 Community Centre District Plan, which allocated $1million from the Community Centre Investment Fund for the amalgamation of the Glenlee and Norberry Community Centres for a new facility (Norberry-Glenlee Community Centre) on the Norberry site.

At its meeting of June 29, 2005, Council adopted policy guidelines to regulate the endorsement of applications applying for funding under the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (MRIF).

A. The City of Winnipeg will not endorse any MRIF application from an external group, which requires a capital contribution from the City.

B. To allow all groups equal opportunity to apply, the City of Winnipeg set three deadline dates for consideration of MRIF internal and external applications: September 1, 2005, January 1, 2006 and June 1, 2006.

C. To coordinate the endorsement process, external groups are required to provide copies of their MRIF application to the Executive Policy Committee Secretariat for review and comment by the Administration.

D. Preference for endorsement will be given to projects that originate from the City of Winnipeg.

Specific to this application, at its meeting of May 18, 2005, Council adopted the Recreation and Leisure Facilities Policy.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed project involves a 10,600 square foot expansion to the existing 10,000 square foot Norberry location of Norberry-Glenlee Community Centre. The expansion will include a regulation-sized gymnasium, a multi-purpose room and a new front entrance. This project has no RLLF Policy implications, as the additional square footage is rationalized by the future closure of the Glenlee facility, upon completion of construction at the Norberry site. The new facility is expected to be completed in 2008.

This project is the first example of a true community centre facility amalgamation and is the result of the hard work, cooperation and dedication of the volunteers of the former Glenlee and Norberry Community Centres. The project has been recommended by the Riel District Community Centre Board and GCWCC, with final approval for Community Centre Investment Funding being granted by City Council in July 2006.

As a flagship for community centre amalgamation, it is important that this project proceed smoothly and in a timely manner, thus portraying the benefits of optimizing and reconfiguring Community Centre space within the limitations of maintaining the existing square footage of recreation and leisure space, as per the RLLF Policy.

Approved project funding to date includes $650,000 from the Building Communities Initiative (City-Province cost-shared 50/50) and $1,000,000 from the Recreation and Leisure Facility- Community Centre Investment Fund. Escalating construction costs and expanded scope to meet community recreation needs have caused an estimated shortfall of $590,000 which has resulted in the preparation of the MRIF application.

As per City of Winnipeg Policy regarding endorsement of MRIF applications, the Community Centre will be responsible for finding one-third of the amount requested from MRIF. Norberry-Glenlee Community Centre has committed $100,000 of its own funds towards the project and has indicated they are seeking matching funds from the Community Incentive Grant Program or Land Dedication Reserve Fund to make up the City's 1/3 contribution to the MRIF application.

Financial Impact Statement

Date: August 24, 2007

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

Norberry-Glenlee Community Centre Expansion/Renovation Project: MRIF Application

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012 and Beyond
Capital						
Capital Expenditures Required	$ 2,240,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs	1,650,000	-	-	-	-	-
Additional Capital Budget Required	$ 590,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Funding Sources:						
Debt - Internal		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Debt - External	-	-	-	-	-	
Proposed Land Dedication/CIGP	96,666					
Community Centre Funds	100,000	-	-	-	-	-
Proposed MRIP - Federal	196,667	-	-	-	-	-
Proposed MRIP - Provincial	196,667	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funding	$ 590,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Additional Capital Budget Required	$ 590,000					
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: Administrative Overhead of 1% on the total project cost will be recovered by Corporate. Revised Departmental capital cashflows will result in revisions to Departmental Debt and Finance Budgets where required.

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Clive Wightman, Director Community Services Dept.

IN PREPARING THIS REPORT THERE WAS:

Internal Consultation With and Concurrence By:

Planning, Property and Development Department
Public Works Department

External Consultation With:

The General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres

THIS REPORT SUBMITTED BY: Clive Wightman, Director, Community Services

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