Agenda - Executive Policy Committee - October 24, 2007

REPORTS

Item No. 2 **Manitoba Rural Infrastructure Fund Application - University of Manitoba – Sanitary and Storm Sewer Separation (St. Norbert Ward) File S-7**

The Winnipeg Public Service recommends:

- That Council endorse the subject Manitoba Rural Infrastructure Fund Application submitted by the University of Manitoba.

RE: MUNICIPAL RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND APPLICATION – SANITARY AND STORM SEWER SEPARATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

FOR SUBMISSION TO: Executive Policy Committee

ORIGINAL REPORT SIGNED BY: Barry D. MacBride, Director
Water and Waste Department

REPORT DATE: October 22, 2007

RECOMMENDATION(S):

- That Council endorse the subject Manitoba Rural Infrastructure Fund Application submitted by the University of Manitoba.

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).

- An MRIF application has been received from the University of Manitoba regarding the separation of sanitary and storm water sewers at the Fort Garry campus.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION(S):

General Implications

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

Comment(s): Community groups/organizations interested in applying for MRIF require endorsement by the respective Municipality.

Policy Implications

X	No
	Yes

Comment(s):

Regulatory Implications

X	None

	Eliminates or reduces regulatory impact
	Proposes regulatory impact

Comment(s):

Environmental Implications

	None
X	Yes

Comment(s): The project will reduce wastewater flows for treatment and discharging untreated wastewater to the Red River when there is cross-flow between the sanitary and stormwater piping systems.

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): The recommendation in this report is that Council endorse the subject MRIF Application submitted by the University of Manitoba.

There are no direct financial implications associated with this recommendation.

REPORT

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.

- An MRIF application has been received from the University of Manitoba regarding the separation of the sanitary and storm water sewers at the Fort Garry campus.

HISTORY:

At its meeting of June 29, 2005, Council adopted the following policy guidelines to regulate the endorsement of applications apply 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.

DISCUSSION:

An MRIF Application has been received from the University of Manitoba to complete the separation of their storm and sanitary sewer lines. This installation will eliminate storm water entering the wastewater collection system that would then subsequently require treatment by the City of Winnipeg in its wastewater treatment plant. This installation will also eliminate wastewater from entering the storm water collection system and being discharged directly to the Red River. The total project is estimated at $1,625,000 financed equally between the applicant, the Province of Manitoba and the Federal government.

The administration acknowledges the benefits of the proposed improvements to manage storm water and waste water at the University of Manitoba Fort Garry campus. The proposed installations will eliminate cross connections between the storm water and waste water systems and directly benefit the City of Winnipeg by eliminating the storm water flows that would be transported by the wastewater collection system to the SEWPCC for treatment. The Red River will also be protected from receiving raw waste water during events when there is overflow from the wasterwater to the stormwater system.

There are no financial implications of this project to the City of Winnipeg.

Council may wish to endorse the University of Manitoba's MRIF application to allow the organization to proceed with their application and further development of their project plans. Council may also wish to emphasize that an endorsement does not signal a financial obligation of any further commitments by the City to the project.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The following financial impact statement for this project has been prepared in accordance with the recommendation adopted by Council on December 13, 2000.

Financial Impact Statement **Date:** 22-Oct-07

Project Name:

Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund - Sanitary and Storm Sewer Separation at the University of Manitoba

COMMENTS:

The recommendation in this report is that Council endorse the subject MRIF Application submitted by the University of Manitoba. There are no direct financial implications associated with this recommendation.

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IN PREPARING THIS REPORT THERE WAS:

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N/A

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N/A

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