Agenda - Council - October 24, 2007

Report - Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services - October 2, 2007

Item No. 1 Community Incentive Grant - Le P'tit Bonheur Inc.
(St. Boniface Ward)
File PR-2.6(35)

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 17, 2007, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendations of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services and the Riel Community Committee and submits the following to Council:

1. That the following eligibility criteria for the Community Incentive Grant Program be waived in this instance, namely:

   A. The project is to be through the development of a sport or recreation capital project that is accessible to the community.

2. That a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $10,000.00 be approved to Le P'tit Bonheur Inc. to assist with the cost of the Renovations - 156 Marion Street Project, subject to the following conditions:

   A. Confirmation of other funding sources;
   B. Approval of final plans and specifications for the project by the Director of Community Services; and
   C. The applicant entering into a formal agreement with the City of Winnipeg.

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

Pursuant to the Voting Requirements By-law No. 126/2003, any Community Incentive Grant that does not comply with the terms contained in the Community Incentive Grant Policy requires approval by two-thirds of the Members present at Council.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 17, 2007, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendations of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services and the Riel Community Committee and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 2, 2007, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services concurred in the recommendation of the Riel Community Committee and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

Further on October 2, 2007, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services received as information a communication dated September 5, 2007 from Marie Rosset, Director, Le P'tit Bonheur Inc., in support of the recommendation from the Riel Community Committee to approve a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $10,000.00 to Le P'tit Bonheur Inc. to assist with the cost of the Renovations - 156 Marion Street Project.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 10, 2007, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services laid the matter over to the meeting of the Committee on October 2, 2007.

On June 21, 2007, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services laid the matter over to the meeting of the Committee on September 10, 2007.

On May 28, 2007, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services laid the matter over to the meeting of the Committee on June 21, 2007.

On May 7, 2007, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services laid the matter over to the meeting of the Committee on May 28, 2007.

On April 3, 2007, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services laid the matter over to the meeting of the Committee on May 7, 2007.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 13, 2007, the Riel Community Committee did not concur in the administrative recommendation and recommended to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services:

1. That the following eligibility criteria for the Community Incentive Grant Program be waived in this instance, namely:

    A. The organization is a non-profit community organization offering sport or recreation services or is a non-profit community organization that contributes to the health and well-being of the community, but not through the development of a sport or recreation capital project that is accessible to the community.

2. That a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $10,000.00, funded from the St. Boniface Ward allocation, be approved to Le P'tit Bonheur Inc. to assist with the cost of the Renovations - 156 Marion Street Project, subject to the following conditions:

    A. Confirmation of other funding sources;
    B. Approval of final plans and specifications for the project by the Director of Community Services; and
    C. The applicant entering into a formal agreement with the City of Winnipeg.

On February 13, 2007, the Riel Community Committee laid over consideration of the matter to its meeting on March 13, 2007.

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September 5, 2007

Dear Mr. Vandal,

As indicated during our morning telephone conversation, I am writing to clarify our needs and intentions regarding our request for the $10,000.00 Community Incentive Grant from the City of Winnipeg.

The funding requested would go towards our outdoor play area project, the main objective being the development of an outdoor play space for children.
The area secured for this play yard is approximately 40 x 50 feet.
As both space and finances are limited, and because there are existing play spaces for older children in the neighbourhood, we will be concentrating on developing a space for infant to 6 years. Should the available space increase, we will look into equipment, etc. for older children.

We have already secured funding for fencing, a sandbox area and a storage shed which should be in place when we move in later this autumn.

We are seeking funding for the following:
Climbing structure (slide, steps, small monkey bars) including ground surface; 2 infant / small swings; a play house; something to provide for shade; 2-3 benches; and a small garden / flower bed area.

Home Depot and local volunteers have been contacted to help with this project. Plans will be finalised when necessary funding has been secured.

The play space will be open to neighbourhood children and families during our centre's hours of operation (7:00 – 18:00) Monday thru Friday (year round) as well as during evening functions. The church community (sharing building/landlord) will also have access to this space days, evenings and weekends. I am assuming they will welcome neighbourhood children/families while they are in attendance.

For security reasons – the yard will be locked overnight and when there is nobody present on the property. This should primarily occur after 18:00 and overnight…. hours when young children should not be outdoors.

Maintenance of this outdoor play space will be shared by the daycare and the church community.

Thank you for your support regarding our request.

M. Rosset
Marie Rosset
Director

COMMUNITY INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM
APPLICATION EVALUATION

Applicant: **Le P'tit Bonheur Inc.**

Project Description: **Renovations – 156 Marion**

Date of Application: **January 25, 2007**

Total Project Cost: **$278,070.00**

Grant Requested: **$10,000.00**

Maximum Allowed: **$139,035.00**

% of Total Project Cost: **3%**

Funding Sources:	**Amount**	**Confirmed**
Community Places	$20,000.00	Y
Capital Projects	$278,070.00	N
Winnipeg Foundation	$60,000.00	N
Manitoba Community Services	$100,000.00	N
Total	$458,070.00	

	Meets Program Eligibility and Selection Criteria	**Yes**	**No**
1a)	Organization is a **non-profit community organization offering sport or recreation services** or is a non-profit community organization that **contributes to the health and well-being of the community**;	X	
b)	through the development of a **sport or recreation capital project**;		X
c)	that is **accessible to the community**.	X	
2	Makes a significant contribution to the **long-term benefit** of the community at large in terms of **improved facilities.**	X	
3	Does not compete with or duplicate other community facilities.	X	
4	**Benefits the community at large** and remains **accessible to all members of the community**.	X	
5	Includes confirmation of sufficient resources to maintain and operate completed projects.	X	
6	Clearly articulates a plan of activities including projected work schedules, material, labour, equipment and other project requirements. Project leads to the completion of a substantial physical product.	X	
7	Is feasible within the project management capabilities of the applicant.	X	
8	Total project funding is confirmed.		X
9	**Does not include any funds from the City**.	X	

Criteria Exceptions:

- This organization is a non-profit community organization offering sport or recreation services or is a non-profit community organization that contributes to the health and well-being of the community, **but not** through the development of a sport or recreation capital project; that is accessible to the community.

Note: This group is planning to renovate a private property located at 156 Marion St. (Mennonite Brethren Church)
Department Financial Implications:

Departmental Recommendations:

That this application be denied.

Prepared by: Community Services Department
Date: **January 29, 2007**

THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
COMMUNITY INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM
APPLICATION

Please refer to the "Guide to Applicants" for assistance completing this form.

1. Name of Organization: Le P'tit Bonheur Inc.
2. Mailing Address: 103-210 rue Masson
   Postal Code: R2H 0H4 Phone No.:
   Fax No: Email:
3. Name of designated officials to be contacted about this application:
   Name: Marie Rosset Phone (Res.):
   Position: Centre Director Phone (Bus.):
   Name: Marie Louise Deleau Phone (Res.):
   Position: President Phone (Bus.):
4. How long has the organization been in operation?
5. **CIGP Requested Amount** $ 10 000.00 (Max. 50% of Total Project Cost)

LIST OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING	AMOUNT	CONFIRMED
SOURCE # 1. Community Places	$ 20,000.00	YES ☑ NO ☐
SOURCE # 2. Capital Projects	$ 278 070.00	YES ☐ NO ☑
SOURCE # 3. Winnipeg Foundation	$ 60,000.00	YES ☐ NO ☑
SOURCE # 4. Manitoba Community Services	$ 100,000.00	YES ☐ NO ☑

Total Project Cost $ 278 070.00

Has this project received prior funding under the Community Incentive Grant Program? YES ☐ NO ☑

6. Name of Project: Renovations 156, rue Marion
7. Location of Project: 156 rue Marion (Saint-Boniface)
   Preferred Start Date: February 2007 End Date: June 2007
8. **Detailed Project Description: Attach on separate sheets or use the reverse side of this application.**

APPLICANT SIGNATURES

I/We hereby certify that I/we am/are the authorized signing officer(s) of the applying organization and this application is accurate to the best of my/our knowledge.

SIGNATURE	TITLE/POSITION	DATE
Marie Rosset	Centre director	January 19/07
Marie Louise Deleau	president	January 19/07

2006

Le P'tit Bonheur Inc. **156 Marion Project**

History

The daycare had been notified regarding the demolition approximately of our building in January 2005. After approximately ten months of searching, we managed to find a space at the 156 Marion.
As we had started fundraising / putting funds aside as soon as we heard that we might have to move, we managed to save approximately $70,000.00. An additional $20,000.00 was secured from Community Places as well as $20,000.00 from Division scolaire franco manitobaine. An architect and contractor were hired. Unfortunately, in August 2006 our contractor left the project. A new cost estimate for the project was not finalised / approved by board until December 2006. Estimated cost of work changed from $190,000.00 to approx. $280,000.00 because of previously unforeseen fire code needs, condition of building we are moving to, as well as rise in cost of construction in general.

Description of Project

The main objective of the project would be to renovate spaces so that we can move into new location as soon as possible. The goals are to meet all City of Winnipeg by-law requirements, all Department of Family Services requirements and to move into our new space in June 2007; thus ensuring the continuation (with a possibly of adding spaces) of our program and our ability to answer to our community's growing needs.

Involvement of members of the community

Members of the community involved in the development and implementation of the project ~
Children will be allowed to help in the moving process. Also, once we are settled in we hope to be able to have the school age children help by painting a wall mural in their classroom.
All parents of the daycare will continue assisting the board with fundraising efforts. We have raised approximately 70,000.00$ to date.
Skilled/qualified parents/grandparents have indicated they are willing to help with renovations. The Architect and the contractor are both aware and in agreement that we use as much volunteer help as possible to help reduce costs. These volunteers will be contacted to set times when the renovations begin.
The school division (Division scolaire franco manitobaine no 49) where our children attend have granted us 20,000.00$ for renovations, with the stipulation that whatever we purchase must be transportable to our future daycare centre (in the school). They have also agreed to provide bus service for our school age children, as we were unable to find a suitable space that was a walking distance to our school.
Community Places Program (contact person : Patrick Done) has granted us 20,000.00$.
We are also in the process of requesting other grants: Early Learning and Child Care Capital Fund, Winnipeg Partnership Agreement, East Area Council (Wpg. Child and Family Services Branch), Winnipeg Foundation, Jubilee Fund, Home Depot, etc. but have not received any responses as of today.

Project significance

Le P'tit Bonheur Inc. has been providing care for the children of Saint-Boniface since 1978. To be more specific we care primarily for those preschoolers planning to attend École Taché, as well as school age children who presently attend École Taché. Other children attending our centre have acquired French to facilitate entry into immersion kindergartens located in Saint-Boniface. Although we are licensed for 66 spaces, there are approximately 100 children registered in our occasional drop-in program/part-time program/nursery school program/full time infant care program/full time preschool program/school age program. Parents share spaces, etc. in order to help us meet the needs of the community. It is evident that the loss of this program would have a huge impact on our community. Parents rely on the care to work and chose our program so that their children can learn French, employers rely on our service to stay in business as we enable parents to go to work, and the francophone community in general needs us to help promote / teach French.

Measuring the success of the project

The project will be considered a success if we complete renovations and move in our new space before being kicked out of our present space. We hope to surpass this basic goal by providing the community with the best space/daycare possible, thus enabling our children and their families access to a safe, affordable, quality child care program.

Budget

Please see attached quotes. As the project is already under way, the Architectural firm Lanny L. M. Silver and contractor Loyal Construction has been chosen.

Sources of financial support for ongoing operating costs

As we are already established as a licensed day care centre, we will continue to receive provincial funding. We also receive annual grants from 'Division scolaire franco manitobaine' and 'Fédération provinciale des comités des parents' totalling approximately $2,300.00 for our nursery school program. Our other source of funding is parent fees and of continual fundraising efforts.

General Information

Le P'tit Bonheur Inc. is a licensed group centre offering child care services to the francophone community of Saint-Boniface since 1978. Our organisation consists of an infant program, a preschool program, a school age program, and a nursery school program (regular nursery school and specialized program enabling francophone children who are not able to speak French fluently prepare for French school). Our target clients are families with children

As we are a licensed child care centre, we receive annual operation grants from the government of Manitoba as well as yearly grants amounting to approximately $2,300.00 in total from our francophone school division and provincial francophone parents' organisation. Parent fees and ongoing fundraising activities finance the remainder of our activities.

A board of directors consisting of our client/parents, our director and a community representative oversee the ongoing operations of the day care through various committees (fundraising committee, policy committee, etc.).

We are presently located at 210 Masson Street in Saint-Boniface. We have been asked to vacate our present location and are planning to relocate to 156 Marion Street (located approximately 4 streets south of our present address) by June 2007.

Our hours of operation are 7:00 to 17:45, from Monday to Friday. Our programs run year-round with the exception of our nursery school which follows the local school-year schedule.

We also offer a summer program – which begins in July and ends August 25. This program includes 2 weekly outings inside /outside Winnipeg locations and/or or visits from various resource people from the community, sports, creative art, etc.

The day care is licensed by the Province of Manitoba therefore meets all regulations and requirements according to the Manitoba Child Care Act.