Agenda - Executive Policy Committee - June 11, 2008

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Item No. 2 Cultural Centre Funding Policy
File FI-2.1

The following resolution is submitted to the Executive Policy Committee for consideration, namely:

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has provided funding support (cash, in-kind, and combinations thereof) to certain cultural centre capital projects;

AND WHEREAS no specific Council policy currently exists to provide guidelines for City of Winnipeg support for such cultural centre capital projects;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to have a cultural centre funding policy to ensure that all requests are dealt with in a similar and equitable manner;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Executive Policy Committee recommends that Council adopt the cultural centre funding policy found in Attachment "A" hereto.

ATTACHMENT "A"

CULTURAL CENTRE FUNDING POLICY

1. Any civic employees and city councillors receiving funding requests (cash or in-kind) for cultural centre capital projects or operations shall direct such requests to the Director of Planning, Property & Development for review and recommendation in accordance with this policy.

2. Subject to paragraphs (3), (4) and (5) hereof, Council shall not provide financial support to cultural centre capital projects or operations, either cash or in-kind.

3. Council may consider the donation of City-owned land for the purposes of cultural centre projects, provided that:

   (a) The proponent has submitted a business plan that contains a detailed outline of the proposed project including, at minimum:

      (i) a site plan;
      (ii) required capital;
      (iii) financial projections demonstrating future financial sustainability;
      (iv) confirmation of 100% of funding sources (donation of land may be made conditional for up to 24 months to allow for confirmation of funding sources to be obtained).

   (b) The City shall not be responsible for any further or future capital or operating costs for the site.

4. Community incentive grants and per capita grants are excluded from this policy.

5. Any agreements between the City of Winnipeg and cultural centres in existence at the effective date of this policy are excluded from this policy. However, any modifications, additions, or replacements to such existing agreements shall be subject to this policy.

6. The provisions within the October 31, 1990 Council resolution with respect to Sale or Lease of City Lands to Non-Profit Organizations shall continue to apply to all sales or leases of city-owned lands for cultural centre projects.