Minute No. 418
Report - Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development - April 29, 2008

Item No. 11 **Reallocation of Sale Proceeds - Sale of the surplus City land (North / South Transportation Corridor) (St. Boniface Ward) File FI-2.4(35)**

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development and adopted the following:

1. That the City of Winnipeg transfer $851,998.28 from the net proceeds of the sale of the surplus City land (North / South Transportation Corridor) located south of Dugald Road from the Land Operating Reserve as follows:

   A. $551,998.28 and $150,000.00 to the East Winnipeg Sports Association to meet outstanding obligations and assist in funding the escalation of the capital costs for the Buhler Recreation Park project;

   B. $125,000.00 for Le Jardin de sculptures du vieux Saint-Boniface, (St.Boniface Sculpture Garden)

   C. $25,000.00 to Entreprises Riel for underground electrical work to be undertaken for the purpose of lighting Provencher Boulevard for the Christmas season.

2. That upon the closing of sales of the surplus City land (North / South Transportation Corridor south of Dugald Road), an equivalent amount of the above transfers be deposited in the Land Operating Reserve to replenish the fund.

3. That disbursement of the above funds shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Planning, Property and Development.

4. 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 Councillor Swandel,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 7, 2008, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 29, 2008, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS on April 26, 2006, Council considered funding options for Buhler Recreation Park and adopted a report of the Executive Policy Committee recommending that the City-owned property acquired for the North / South Transportation Corridor, located south of Pandora Avenue West, be declared surplus to the City's requirements; and that the net proceeds from the sale of the lands, to a maximum of $1,500,000.00, be allocated to the Buhler Recreation Park project (formerly named the Transcona Recreation Park);

AND WHEREAS the community raised $1,500,000.00 in private funding, with major donations being provided by Mr. and Mrs. John and Bonnie Buhler, Casera Credit Union, New Flyer Industries, Qualico Homes, Manitoba Lotteries and the Winnipeg Foundation;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba and the Government of Canada have each already contributed $1,500,000.00 towards the $6,500,000.00 project, which is well under construction with an anticipated grand opening planned for late May 2008;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has to date transferred $948,001.72 to the East Winnipeg Sports Association from the net proceeds of sales related to the above noted surplus City lands, with the balance of the City's contribution of $551,998.28 being financed at the East Winnipeg Sports Association's cost;

AND WHEREAS the surplus City lands are located in the St. Boniface ward and funds are required for certain projects related to the St. Boniface Centennial celebrations;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg transfer $851,998.28 from the net proceeds of the sale of the surplus City land (North / South Transportation Corridor) located south of Dugald Road from the Land Operating Reserve as follows:

1. $551,998.28 and $150,000.00 to the East Winnipeg Sports Association to meet outstanding obligations and assist in funding the escalation of the capital costs for the Buhler Recreation Park project;

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3. $25,000.00 to Entreprises Riel for underground electrical work to be undertaken for the purpose of lighting Provencher Boulevard for the Christmas season;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT upon the closing of the sale of the surplus City land (North / South Transportation Corridor South of Dugald Road), an equivalent amount of the above transfers be deposited in the Land Operating Reserve to replenish the fund;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT disbursement of the above funds shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Planning, Property and Development,

and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.