NORTH DRIVE COMMUNITY RING DIKE LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT PROPOSAL

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INTRODUCTION

The Canada-Manitoba-City of Winnipeg Agreement on Secondary Diking Enhancements is a funding agreement that allocates funding assistance to reduce the risk of future flooding for properties within the City of Winnipeg, north of the Red River Floodway and outside the Primary Diking System. The Agreement provides for a total of $476,000 for this project. Canada and Manitoba are each contributing $214,200 and the City of Winnipeg is contributing $47,600. Pursuant to the Council Order of June 23, 1999 the City's share of community ring dike costs is to be recovered from the benefiting property owners through the local improvement process.

DISTRICT LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROCESS

Section 426 of The City of Winnipeg Charter Act provides a mechanism for conducting district local improvements. In the case of the North Drive Community Ring Dike Project, the community has been consulted on flood mitigation options through public meetings held in the community by the Project Manager for this project. The community has indicated a willingness to proceed with the project. Accordingly, the local improvement process has been initiated by the city.

Under Section 426(1) of The City of Winnipeg Charter Act, a local improvement district proposal may be initiated:

" (a) by council ".

In the case of the creation of local improvement districts for the purpose of building community ring dikes the Council of the City of Winnipeg will be the initiating body.

Bylaw No. 6990/97 sets out guidelines for the composition of a committee of Council for a local improvement district and the procedures for giving of notice and conducting public hearings for proposed local improvement districts.

Pursuant to the foregoing on December 11, 2002, Council passed Bylaw 8142/2002 that established the councillors of the City Centre Community Committee as the District Proposal Committee for the proposed North Drive Community Ring Dike. The District Proposal Committee subsequently called for a public hearing to take place on January 14, 2003 commencing at 6:30 p.m. in the City Centre Community Committee Chamber at 300 Assiniboine Avenue, for the purpose of receiving representations from the public on the project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The main components of the North Drive Community Ring Dike are a segmental concrete block wall dike and clay dike placed as required to attain the designated flood protection level.

KGS Group has been engaged as consulting engineers to prepare the final design and cost estimates and to undertake contract administration for this project.

The map attached as Appendix 1 shows the conceptual design of the works to be constructed.

AREA AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSAL AND LANDS TO BE LEVIED

The plan attached as Appendix 2 shows the area affected by the proposal and depicts the parcels that are subject to the local improvement levy. The parcels on this map are referred to by parcel address and can be cross-referenced to other parcel identifiers provided in this District Proposal.

ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT

The Consultants have developed an estimated cost for this project based on site investigations and the final design criteria established for the project through consultation with federal and provincial technical representatives.

The estimated cost of this project is $476,000 that will be shared $214,200 federal, $214,200 provincial and $47,600 city. Pursuant to the Council directive, the city share will be recovered from the benefiting property owners through a local improvement.

METHOD AND ESTIMATED RATE OF TAXATION

Section 430(2) of the City of Winnipeg Charter Act sets out the methods of taxation that may be used to levy the costs for a particular local improvement. In the case of the North Drive Community Ring Dike, the area of the benefiting parcel is the method to be employed.

The table attached as Appendix 3 shows the parcel ID (City tax roll number), the parcel address, the parcel area, the estimated total cost per parcel if paid in cash and the estimated annual cost per parcel if added to the realty tax bill for 20 years.

NEXT STEPS

After completion of the public hearing process the District Proposal will be forwarded to Council for first reading of the North Drive Community Ring Dike District Local Improvement Bylaw. This will be followed by a notice of objection period as set out in the City of Winnipeg Charter Act that allows property owners the right to object to the proposal. If owners of lands within a proposed local improvement district having a total area greater than 50% of the total area of all lands within the district object to the District Proposal, then it will not proceed.

The schedule attached as Appendix 4 sets out the sequence of events proposed to be followed for the local improvement portion of this project.

Appendix 1

Map showing scope of works

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Plan showing affected land parcels

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Table showing parcel detail and costs

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Proposed schedule