Minute No. 198
Report - Executive Policy Committee - February 12, 2003

Item No. 1 Request for funding from the Assiniboia Land Dedication Fund - Westdale Community Centre
File EP-2 (Vol. 30)

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That the sum of $30,000.00 be approved from the Assiniboia Land Dedication Reserve Fund to assist with the cost of facility repairs for the Westdale Community Centre.

2. 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 His Worship Mayor Murray,
That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 12, 2003, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Assiniboia Community Committee, and submitted the matter to Council.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 21, 2003, the Assiniboia Community Committee recommended to Executive Policy Committee that funding in the amount of $30,000.00 be allocated from the Assiniboia Land Dedication Fund to assist with the cost of the facility repairs for the Westdale Community Centre.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE DECISION:

On January 21, 2003, the Assiniboia Community Committee requested that the Westdale Community Centre provide more detailed accounting information to place on file, with regards to monies raised and spent.

To Whom It May Concern:

Pembina Trail, the satellite community centre of Westdale Community Centre began undergoing repair and general restoration of the entire facility in March of 2002. Westdale Community Centre had applied for three grant applications, Community Places, GCWCC Grant Application and the Community Incentive Grant Program. Altogether we received only $11,000 from the Community Places Grant fund. Unfortunately, we did not receive the Community Incentive Grant Program because apparently, the application form did not get sent to the receiver. Due to a misunderstanding, the GCWCC Grant Program had deferred us early in June and denied us of approximately $37,000 early in December. The costs for the respective items are listed on the attached page, along with copies of all current estimates.

The Pembina Trail facility is over thirty years old, and was in need of major repairs and/or restorations. We began undergoing repairs to Pembina Trail because it became highly questionable of how much longer the facility can function adequately, especially by continuing to defer the repairs/restorations to a later date. Moreover, with the continuation of the Pembina Trail Project, Westdale cannot financially support the rest of the project due to limited grant application funds nor can Westdale financially support the billing costs of the repairs that have already been completed. In particular, though Land Dedication, we hope to address some of the larger concerns with Pembina Trail.

The first item, the flooring, was a major concern for Pembina Trail Community Centre because the old flooring had become highly worn over time, and, additionally, its segments have begun to separate in certain places. This separation resulted in gaps that were opening between the flooring segments, which became a trip-and-fall hazard for skate blades. We replaced the flooring with Dinomat, which eliminated the gaps in the floor and for future replacement it would be much easier.

The second item that was a major concern for Pembina Trail Community Centre was the chain link fence, which surrounds the two ends of both rinks. The chain link fence was in need of replacing because the holes in the fence were large enough for pucks to fit through and ending up on the street, making it hazardous for pedestrians, motor vehicles and houses in the area.

The third item that was a major concern for Pembina Trail Community Centre was the doors. The doors that were replaced included the front and back door, all eight dressing room doors, one office door and one janitor door. Again, over the thirty-year period, the doors have been abused by hockey pucks, hockey sticks and they were mistreated which made it an eyesore for the public. Also, all the doors itself were fairly easy to break into the facility. A few years ago the Pembina Trail facility was a victim of a break in and also Pembina Trail’s office was broken into on a different occasion. By installing the new steel doors, we hope to eliminate all the possibilities of a break in at Pembina Trail. We also included locks on all four dressing room doors to eliminate any risk of theft of hockey equipment.

The fourth and last item that was a major concern for Pembina Trail Community Centre was the lighting, both inside and out door lights. We replaced the inside lighting and added new lighting fixtures in order to eliminate the risk of an electrical hazard, such as a fire and/or an electric shock. Also, we would like to include new outside rink lights that are cost efficient. By including the new outside rinks lights we hope that our electrical bill will be below average.

We know that these renovations will be a benefit to the whole community, and especially the local residents and students of Oak Park High School. Yet they are also beneficial to any and all who participate in the activities of Pembina Trail Community Centre, regardless of where they are from inside or outside of the city. However, due to the lack of support though the other grant applications, both Pembina Trail and Westdale Community Centre are in financial trouble and are in seek of finical support.

Below is included the approximate billing costs of all major restorations that have already been completed. Also included below is the estimated cost for two of the major restorations. Attached to this copy is all the actual billing and estimated costs from the organizations that contributed to the repairs of Pembina Trail.

Flooring	$18,000.00
Extra Glue	$100.00
Vinyl Sheet	$400.00
Fencing	$4,000.00
Doors	$11,000.00
Inside Lighting	$9,000.00
Outside Lighting	$9,500.00
Total	$52,000.00

On a final note, the actual cost that is given above is not the asking price that we are seeking out to. Instead, Westdale Community Centre is asking for an approximate value of $30,000.00 in order to pay off some of the outstanding billing costs of the repairs that have already been completed. Hopefully, with the support from Land Dedication we could continue to run both facilities and continue to provide the community with the necessary requirements that a community centre is to provide.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

President – Barb Girard