Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – July 15, 2009

REPORTS

Minute No. 327 Shoal Lake # 40 First Nation – Economic Development Grant
eFile G-8

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and recommends to Council:

1. That a grant in the amount of $16,000 be provided to Shoal Lake First Nation #40, as the City's partnership share in a Shoal Lake #40 economic development initiative.

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

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Steeves,

That the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

ISSUE: PROVISION OF GRANT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AT SHOAL LAKE #40

Critical Path: Executive Policy Committee – Council

AUTHORIZATION

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RECOMMENDATIONS

That a grant in the amount of $16,000 be provided to Shoal Lake First Nation #40, as the City's partnership share in a Shoal Lake #40 economic development initiative.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- In 1989, the Province and the City entered into the Shoal Lake Tripartite Agreement with Shoal Lake #40. The intent of the agreement is to protect and maintain the high quality of Winnipeg's drinking water source, and promote sustainable economic development for Shoal Lake #40.

- A Shoal Lake Working Group was struck, consisting of two staff representatives from each party to the agreement. The Working Group meets on a regular basis to ensure compliance with the Tripartite Agreement.

- Contained within the Tripartite Agreement are the following clauses:

"46. The City and the Province shall make every effort to promote economic development beneficial to the Band in the Shoal Lake area. It is understood that this obligation is consistent with the preservation of water quality.

47. In recognition of the need of the development for an economic base for the Band, the City and the Province shall provide their best efforts to make available employment, contracts, and training to Band members within commuting distance of the Shoal Lake Band #40 community each year during the course of this Agreement."

- Shoal Lake #40 is applying for funding to undertake a land use inventory and resource management plan. This is the first step in development of a forest-based business that may, for example, market round wood or chip wood, forest-based medicinal or nutriceutical products, and aggregate. This first phase, estimated to cost $80,000 will provide training to six Shoal Lake First Nation members in the use of GIS technology as well as practical resource inventory and survey skills, will develop a resource inventory, and will develop a resource management model to identify resources that could be produced and marketed to benefit the Shoal Lake #40 community.

- The potential partners have been identified for this project are as follows:

    - Shoal Lake #40

    - First Nations Forestry Program (funded jointly by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, and Natural Resources Canada

    - Shooniiya Waa Bitong (a non-profit organization funded by Human Resources and Development Canada)

    - Province of Manitoba – Department of Conservation, and Department of Competitiveness, Training and Trade

    - City of Winnipeg

- The City of Winnipeg has been approached to contribute an equal share of the cost of the program. Since the project costs is identified as $80,000, if all potential partners provide funding, then each partner will be requested to contribute $16,000.

HISTORY

- In 1989 the Province and the City entered into the Shoal Lake Tripartite Agreement with Shoal Lake #40.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The following financial impact statement for this project has been prepared in accordance with the recommendation adopted by Council on December 13, 2000.

Financial Impact Statement

Date: June 24, 2009

Project Name: **First Year of Program** **2009**

PROVISION OF GRANT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AT SHOAL LAKE #40

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014 and Beyond
Capital						
Capital Expenditures Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Funding Sources:						
Debt - Internal	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Debt - External	-	-	-	-	-	
Grants (Enter Description Here)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reserves, Equity, Surplus	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other - Enter Description Here	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funding	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -					
Total Additional Debt Required	$ -					
Current Expenditures/Revenues						
Direct Costs	$ 16,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ 16,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	16,000	-	-	-	-	-
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments: Funding for this project is included in the approved Current Budget and is financed by Retained Earnings.

"Original signed by D. Capp, C.G.A."

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CONSULTATION

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