Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – January 27, 2010

REPORTS

Minute No. 127 Assiniboine Park Conservancy – Assiniboine Park Nature Playground and Duck Pond Expansion Project
eFile PR-7.1

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. That the request of Assiniboine Park Conservancy, Inc. to permit the use of adopted capital funds, if required, up to a combined $3.63 Million from the Assiniboine Park Conservancy Development Plan 2010 ($2.849M) and the Assiniboine Park Amenities Improvement / Development 2009 Capital ($781K) to assist in completion of the Nature Playground and Duck Pond project, be approved.

2. That the condition for 2010 Assiniboine Park Conservancy capital funds being subject to confirmation of all funding sources – Federal, Provincial and private donors, be waived.

3. 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 Fielding,

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

Carried

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

ISSUE: Request of the Assiniboine Park Conservancy to Commit $3.63 Million from Adopted 2009 and 2010 Capital Funds for the Assiniboine Park Nature Playground and Duck Pond Expansion Project

Critical Path: **Executive Policy Committee**

AUTHORIZATION

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Council approve the request of Assiniboine Park Conservancy, Inc. to permit the use of adopted capital funds, if required, up to a combined $3.63 Million from the Assiniboine Park Conservancy (APC) Development Plan 2010 ($2.849M) and the Assiniboine Park Amenities Improvement / Development 2009 Capital ($781K) to assist in completion of the Nature Playground and Duck Pond project.

2. That Council waives its condition that 2010 APC capital funds be subject to confirmation of all funding sources – Federal, Provincial and private donors.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

Assiniboine Park Conservancy has applied for $1M in Federal Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC) funding for the Nature Playground and Duck Pond Expansion project. In order to be eligible for the RInC program, APC must provide evidence of secured project funding no later than January 31, 2010. Authorization of use by APC of up to $3.63M of adopted City of Winnipeg capital funds will provide the necessary evidence of secured project funding.

APC's Chief Executive Officer has advised the Public Service that APC will be aggressively fundraising for this project and that she is confident that APC will find additional private funding sources of $1M or more, reducing its use of City capital through alternate funding.

The requested funds exist in adopted Capital budgets.

Although the City's contribution to these projects will exceed contribution levels of senior governments and possibly private sector donations, the City's overall capital contribution to APC's Assiniboine Park Development Plan will be maintained at a level that will not exceed contributions of other anticipated partners. This principle will be reflected in the Management Agreement between the City of Winnipeg and the Assiniboine Park Conservancy.

HISTORY

The Assiniboine Park Conservancy (APC) was created by Council approval to operate, manage and redevelop Assiniboine Park. Terms and conditions of a Management Agreement between the City of Winnipeg and APC are expected to come before Council in February 2010.

Council approved capital budgets for use by APC in 2009 and 2010. The 2010 Capital Budget includes a $2.849 million contribution under the caption Assiniboine Park Conservancy (APC) – Development Plan - for the development of a Nature Playground, Duck Pond and Family Centre Project and for design of a Rushing River water play component as well as Planning and Design of Phase 1 of Zoo Redevelopment.

The 2009 Assiniboine Park Amenities Improvement / Development Capital budget of $2.0M has sufficient unspent funds which are intended for facilitating transition to the new Assiniboine Park governance model, enabling planning and design work, leveraging additional capital contributions and allowing for new capital investment.

APC applied for capital funding from the Federal Government through the Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC) program for APC's 2010 Nature Playground and Duck Pond Expansion project. A condition of APC's application is confirmation of secured funding for the $5.1M project not later than January 31, 2010.

As APC raises funds for capital redevelopment in Assiniboine Park, individual projects like the playground / duck pond project will not all receive equal contributions from each level of government and private sector sources. An example of the aforementioned is evidenced by the Provincial commitment of $31M to APC for Assiniboine Park Zoo redevelopment (polar bear features).

Although the City is contributing a disproportionate share towards this project, the City's contribution to the overall Park Development Plan will not exceed funding levels of other anticipated partners. This principle will be reflected in the Agreement between the City of Winnipeg and the Assiniboine Park Conservancy.

Proposed 2010 Assiniboine Park Nature Playground and Duck Pond Expansion Project Funding

City of Winnipeg	2010 Capital	$2,849,000
	2009 Capital	$ 781,384
Recreational Infrastructure Canada (applied for)		$1,000,000
Private Foundation	2009 (received)	$ 250,000
	2010 (committed)	$ 250,000
Total		$5,130,384

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement

Date: January 20, 2010

First Year of Program 2009

Project Name: Request of APC for $3.63M of Adopted 2009 and 2010 Capital funds

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required	$ 781,384	$ 2,849,000	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs	781,384	2,849,000	-	-	-
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	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery	-	-	-	-	-
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	-	-	-	-	-
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments: Adopted Capital funds from 2009 Assiniboine Park Amenities Improvement / Development and 2010 Assiniboine Park Conservancy Development Plan are available for this project.

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Department Controller

CONSULTATION

In preparing this Report there was consultation with:

Assiniboine Park Conservancy, Inc.

SUBMITTED BY

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