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Report – Executive Policy Committee – February 17, 2010

Item No. 5 CentreVenture Development Corporation – Funding for Youth Centre of Excellence project
eFile EP-1.2.3

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 17, 2010, the Executive Policy Committee submitted the following to Council:

1. That subject to confirmation of Government of Canada funding, the City of Winnipeg provide an annual grant of approximately $225,000 per year for a 15 year period commencing in 2011 to fund CentreVenture Development Corporation's annual debt servicing costs (principal and interest) related to the Youth Centre of Excellence project.

2. That the source of such City of Winnipeg funding be referred to the 2011 Operating Budget process.

3. 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:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 17, 2010, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS Youth for Christ is a non-profit, non-denominational Christian organization that ministers to the youth of the city of Winnipeg in 15 different programs operating in facilities located throughout Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS Youth for Christ has developed a proposal for a Youth Centre of Excellence to be located on the corner of Main Street and Higgins Avenue that would centralize all its programs into one facility located in the core area of the city;

AND WHEREAS the Youth Centre of Excellence would include 50,000 square feet of new recreational services including: an indoor year-round skate park for skateboarders and BMX bikers; a Dancing and Performing Arts Studio; a youth full fitness centre; gymnasium space for floor hockey, volleyball, basketball and soccer leagues; a youth drop-in centre; a climbing wall; a job skills and training centre; a multipurpose theatre; a counseling centre; and an off-campus classroom school;

AND WHEREAS the total project cost for the Youth Centre of Excellence is approximately $9.3 million, of which Youth for Christ has fundraised approximately one-third, or $3.1 million;

AND WHEREAS Youth for Christ has requested funding for the Youth Centre of Excellence project from the Government of Canada's Infrastructure Stimulus Fund;

AND WHEREAS on July 22, 2009 City Council approved a lease agreement containing an option for Youth for Christ to purchase the City-owned property they currently occupy at 325 Talbot Avenue for $1.00, which would allow Youth for Christ to resell the property and use the proceeds for development of the Youth Centre of Excellence;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

AND WHEREAS CentreVenture Development Corporation has agreed to finance $2.6 million as a contribution to the Youth Centre of Excellence project;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, subject to confirmation of Government of Canada funding, the Executive Policy Committee recommends to Council that the City of Winnipeg provide an annual grant of approximately $225,000 per year for a 15 year period commencing in 2011 to fund CentreVenture Development Corporation's annual debt servicing costs (principal and interest) related to the Youth Centre of Excellence project;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the source of such City of Winnipeg funding be referred to the 2011 operating budget process,

and submitted the matter to Council.