Minute No. 240
Report - Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development – February 1, 2010

Item No. 2 **Amendment to 2009 Downtown Enhancement Capital Program Budget**
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COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development and adopted the following:

1. That $217,500.00 be transferred from the Planning, Property and Development Department's Non-specified Capital Account (capital project # 63970000NS) to 2009 Downtown Enhancements (capital project # 6351800109) in order to complete the Waterfront Drive Public Art project.

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 Councillor Swandel,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 17, 2010, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 1, 2010, the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

ISSUE: **Amendment to 2009 Downtown Enhancement Capital Program Budget**

Critical Path: **Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development – Executive Policy Committee - Council**

AUTHORIZATION

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That $217,500 be transferred from the Planning, Property and Development Department's Non-specified Capital Account (capital project # 63970000NS) to 2009 Downtown Enhancements (capital project # 6351800109) in order to complete the Waterfront Drive Public Art project.

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

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- The City of Winnipeg has signed a contract ($20,000) with the artist for the Phase I (concept development for final artwork) Waterfront Drive Public Art Project.
- The contract for Phase II ($180,000 for the construction of the final artwork) is in draft form. The contract cannot be awarded until a funding source is identified.
- An additional $17,500 is required to cover administrative costs to the Winnipeg Arts Council for the expenses incurred to date.
- Approval of a budget transfer will allow the City to fulfill its obligations under the contract for each of Phase I and Phase II.
- Funding in the amount of $217,500 is required to complete the artwork by spring 2010.

HISTORY

The construction of Waterfront Drive, initiated in 2001, involved funding from all three levels of government through the Canada/Manitoba Infrastructure Program. In addition to the tripartite funding, the City's included a budget of $300,000 for a Public Art component. Waterfront Drive was completed in spring 2004.

2005 - Planning, Property and Development assumed responsibility for management of the Public Art Project for Waterfront Drive, with the project funding remaining with Public Works. The juried competition was delayed pending completion of Pioneer and Waterfront Development Principles and Guidelines in January 2005.

2006 - Location of the artwork on Waterfront Drive needed to be finalized prior to initiating the juried competition. There was discussion with the Forks on the most suitable site. In October, the Winnipeg Arts Council issued a "Call to Artists".

2007 - Jennifer Stillwell was selected to develop a major artwork for Waterfront Drive between the CN Highline and Pioneer Avenue.

2007 - While the Artist's contract was undergoing revisions, the remaining funds in Waterfront Drive Capital, including $300,000 earmarked for the Public Art Project, which appeared to be "old" project funding was closed. As the Project could not proceed without funding, Public Works identified surplus funding in the amount of $250,000 from other projects.

2008 - The Artist's contract for Phase I ($20,000) and the Winnipeg Arts Council project management contract ($30,000) were executed.

Since the Artist's commission was publicized in the papers, there is a significant expectation that the artwork will be completed on Waterfront Drive. The artist expects to install the final artwork by May 2010.

2009 - Unspent capital funds totaling $217,500 for Waterfront Drive Public Art Project were closed out because project had spanned several years.

Expenditures to date for the project total $32,500 with $217,500 expected to be available for project completion.

Currently, there is no funding in place to complete the project.

The status of PP&D's non-specified capital account as at October 1, 2009 is as follows:

Planning, Property & Development Department
Non-Specified Capital Account - 63970000NS

	Transfers Out	Balance
Balance, October 1, 2009		332,000
Pending Approval		
Transfer to 2009 Downtown Enhancement subject to approval of recommendations contained in this report.	217,500	114,500

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement Date: October 23, 2009

Project Name:

Amendment to 2009 Downtown Enhancement Capital Program Budget

COMMENTS:

The recommendations contained in this report include that $217,500 be transferred from the Planning, Property and Development Department's Non-specified Capital Account (capital project # 63980000NS) to 2009 Downtown Enhancements (capital project # 6351800109) in order to complete the Waterfront Drive Public Art project.

The recommendations, if approved, would result in the transfer of $217,500 in budget from the Planning, Property and Development Department's Non-Specified Capital Account (project # 63970000NS) to the 2009 Downtown Enhancement capital program budget (project # 6351800109).

There are no financial implications associated with these recommendations.

"Original Signed By"
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CONSULTATION

In preparing this Report there was consultation with:

Corporate Finance Department

SUBMITTED BY

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