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Item No. 5 Access Advisory Committee – Accessibility Program Funding – 2011 Capital Budget

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 9, 2010, the Access Advisory Committee passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Accessibility Program was established by City Council in December 2002 in order to address accessibility issues in City of Winnipeg existing infrastructure and built environments;

AND WHEREAS funding for this program at inception was $250,000 and only increased to $350,000 in 2008;

AND WHEREAS in 2010 applications for funding amounted to $520,000, in 2009 applications for funding amounted to $630,000, and in 2008 applications for funding amounted to $715,000;

AND WHEREAS in 2010 application criteria was amended to consider smaller accessibility projects as larger City of Winnipeg Accessibility projects were deferred to future years;

AND WHEREAS over the past two years Winnipeg has experienced a rate of construction inflation of 12%; a rate which has been more aggressive than in the previous 20 years;

AND WHEREAS as stated by the commitment of "OUR WINNIPEG", the overall City of Winnipeg planning tool incorporating a number of key principals in making our city attractive, competitive, livable, and age friendly will be to create 'complete communities' and to complete existing communities by enhancing existing infrastructure and assets to ensure that most amenities for daily living and active participation are universally accessible by all citizens.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Access Advisory Committee requests that the Capital Budget funding for the Accessibility Program be increased to $500,000 for each of the next 5 years beginning in 2011,

and submitted the matter to Executive Policy Committee.