Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – July 11, 2012

Minute No. 364
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Finance – July 10, 2012

Item No. 1 Amendment to the Authorized Use of the 2012 Weather Protected Walkway System Capital Project Budget

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Finance and submits the following to Council:

1. That an amendment to the authorized use of the 2012 Weather Protected Walkway System Capital funds to include video surveillance security system, exterior ductwork enhancements, automated hands free door openers and other expenditures to address all items requested at the end of the project by the stakeholders and Access Advisory Committee be approved.

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 Fielding,

That Rule 10(3) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be suspended in order that the following item, which was received less than 96 hours preceding the committee meeting, be considered by Committee.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Fielding,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Finance be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 10, 2012, the Standing Policy Committee on Finance concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Amendment to the Authorized Use of the 2012 Weather Protected Walkway System Capital Project Budget

Critical Path: Standing Policy Committee on Finance – Executive Policy Committee - Council

AUTHORIZATION

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RECOMMENDATIONS

That an amendment to the authorized use of the 2012 Weather Protected Walkway System Capital funds to include " video surveillance security system, exterior ductwork enhancements, automated hands free door openers and other expenditures to address all items requested at the end of the project by the stakeholders and Access Advisory Committee" be approved.

REASON FOR THE REPORT

Council approval is required to amend Capital Project and/or Program Budgets.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- No additional funding is being requested as this report simply recommends a change to the authorized uses on which the funds will be spent.
- The recommendation, if approved, will allow the Public Service to complete several items for which the funds were intended prior to being re-budgeted in 2012.

HISTORY

On May 19, 2004, Council approved a total of $2 Million for the purposes of the 'Closing of the Loop' project ($585,000 was immediately available in authorized Capital, $300,000 was approved in 2005, $1 Million was approved in 2006 and $115,000 in the 2007 Capital Program).

On November 19, 2008, Council concurred in the recommendation of the then Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development that any funds from the City of Winnipeg's $2 million contribution to the "Closing the Loop" initiative remaining upon the project's completion be used for directional signage within the Weather Protected Walkway System (WPWS).

In November 2011, $194,000 in “older” capital funding (2006 - $79,000 and 2007 -$115,000) intended to finance the cost of a CCTV security surveillance system, an exterior duct enclosure, power operated door sensors in the WPWS with the residual, if any, to be used for directional signage, was closed out.

On December 13, 2011, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the 2012 Annual Capital Budget and 2013 to 2017 Five-Year Capital Forecast. The adopted capital budget included $194,000, representing the “re-budgeting” of previously approved capital budgets for the WPWS for directional signage only and not for any of the outstanding works noted above.

Prior to project completion, the building stakeholders (330 St Mary Avenue, Delta Hotel, Winnipeg Convention Centre and cityplace) identified safety concerns for their building security staff and the public within the long stretches of the new walkway system. They requested the provision of security cameras and central monitoring stations at their respective security desks. The quote provided by the General Contractor for a surveillance system was significantly higher than expected. To remain within the project budget and still meet the needs of the stakeholders, the Municipal Accommodations Division of the Planning, Property and Development Department has proposed an economical solution through in-house security professionals.

In addition, the Access Advisory Committee representative had identified access concerns and visibility issues on Sept. 15, 2010, for those entering from the new street-level access stair/elevator and traveling through the new expanded walkway. Additional markings and signage, as well as the installation of automated hands free door sensors would enable everyone, from people pushing baby strollers to those in wheelchairs, to travel through the walkway.

A breakdown of the cost for this work is estimated as follows:

o CCTV Security Surveillance System	$130,000
o Exterior Duct enclosure	$ 30,000
o Power operated door sensors	$ 15,000
	$ 175,000
Remaining for Permanent Directional Signage	$ 19,000

These remaining project funds would still address the permanent directional signage requirements within the new Walkway portion from the Winnipeg Convention Centre to cityplace as requested by the stakeholders.

The completion of this work would address the stakeholders request for this portion of the "Closing the Loop" Project.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement

Date: June 15, 2012

Project Name:

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First Year of Program **2012**

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required	$ 97,000	$ 97,000	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs	97,000	97,000	-	-	-
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	2,825	2,825	-	-	-
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ (2,825)	$ (2,825)	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	(2,825)	(2,825)	-	-	-
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments: The recommendation contained in this report is that an amendment to the authorized use of the 2012 Weather Protected Walkway System Capital funds to include " video surveillance security system, exterior ductwork enhancements, automated hands free door openers and other expenditures to address all items requested at the end of the project by the stakeholders and Access Advisory Committee" be approved. There is sufficient capital budget available in Project # 6351000112 "Weather Protected Walkway Systems". Capital expenditures of $194,000 include contractor or consultant payments totaling $188,350 + short-term financing and admin fees of $5,650. The latter amount is offset by equal recoveries in the Corporate Finance Department's current budget. Expenditures are assumed to be incurred on a 50/50 basis over 2012 and 2013.

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CONSULTATION

In preparing this report there was consultation with:

Corporate Finance

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