Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – November 27, 2013

REPORTS

Minute No. 34 City of Winnipeg Contribution to Host the Grey Cup

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee recommended to Council:

1. That the City of Winnipeg, in the event the Winnipeg Football Club is awarded the 2015 Grey Cup, provide a hosting grant to the Winnipeg Football Club in the amount of $680,000.

2. That the City of Winnipeg provide an in-kind contribution of City services to a maximum value of $320,000 with the cost of any additional City services to be the responsibility of the Winnipeg Football Club.

3. That the City enter into a grant agreement with the Winnipeg Football Club that sets forth the terms and conditions pursuant to which the City will provide the $680,000 hosting grant and the provision of in-kind services to a maximum of $320,000.

4. That authority be delegated to the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the grant agreement with the Winnipeg Football Club, including such terms and conditions deemed necessary by the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor to protect the interests of the City.

5. That the Proper Officers of the City do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

The Chairperson called Deputy Mayor Swandel to the Chair in order to move the following motion:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Katz,

WHERERAS the City of Winnipeg, the Province of Manitoba and the Winnipeg Football Club have expressed commitment to bid on an opportunity to host the Grey Cup Game and Grey Cup Festival in either 2015 or 2016;

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg hosted successful Grey Cups in 1991, 1998 and 2006 and it was provided with hosting grants and other supports by the Province and City that were repaid many times over through direct and indirect economic benefits;

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg provided a grant of $500,000 in support of the 2006 Grey Cup;

WHEREAS the 2012 Grey Cup hosted in Toronto generated more than $133.1 million in total economic activity generated throughout the Province of Ontario;

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has a tremendous reputation as a City known for its volunteerism and support for sports, arts and culture;

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg together with Economic Development Winnipeg created the Special Event Marketing Fund in 2008 to allow for a dedicated funding mechanism to provide financial support for special events such as the Grey Cup;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg, in the event the Winnipeg Football Club is awarded the 2015 Grey Cup, provide a hosting grant to the Winnipeg Football Club in the amount of $680,000;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg provide an in-kind contribution of City services to a maximum value of $320,000 with the cost of any additional City services to be the responsibility of the Winnipeg Football Club;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the City enter into a grant agreement with the Winnipeg Football Club that sets forth the terms and conditions pursuant to which the City will provide the $680,000 hosting grant and the provision of in-kind services to a maximum of $320,000;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT authority be delegated to the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the grant agreement with the Winnipeg Football Club, including such terms and conditions deemed necessary by the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor to protect the interests of the City;

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Proper Officers of the City do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

and forwarded to Council.

Carried

His Worship Mayor Katz resumed the Chair.

Ken Guilford submitted a communication dated November 26, 2013 with respect to the City of Winnipeg Contribution to Host the Grey Cup.