Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – July 9, 2014

Minute No. 477
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management – July 7, 2014

Item No. 3 Establishment of an Elgin Streetscaping 2014 Capital Program Budget
(Point Douglas Ward)

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management and submitted the following to Council:

1. That a new 2014 capital program budget of $800,000.00 be established for streetscaping in the Cultural District including Market Avenue, Elgin Avenue and Bertha Street.

2. That funding for the new 2014 capital program budget entitled “Elgin Streetscaping” be provided from the net sale proceeds of the Winnipeg Square Parkade.

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:

Moved by Councillor Pagtakhan,

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 Pagtakhan,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 7, 2014, the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: **Establishment of an Elgin Streetscaping 2014 Capital Program Budget**

Critical Path: Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management – EPC - Council

AUTHORIZATION

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That a new 2014 capital program budget of $800,000.00 be established for streetscaping in the Cultural District including Market, Elgin and Bertha.

2. Subject to the approval of Recommendation # 1, that the funding for the new 2014 capital program budget entitled “Elgin Streetscaping” be provided from the net sale proceeds of the Winnipeg Square Parkade.

REASON FOR THE REPORT

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

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- “Elgin Streetscaping” is aligned with the street renewal priorities established within the North East Exchange Engineering Study.

- A 2014 budget for an “Elgin Streetscaping” capital program will be established.

- No additional cash-to-capital funding is required as 100% of the budget is to be funded by proceeds of disposition of the Winnipeg Square Parkade.

- The Elgin Streetscaping program supports the advancement of strategic public investments that reinforce the continued commitment made to the advancement of the downtown.

HISTORY

March 23, 2011 - Council approved the Report of the Alternate Service Delivery Committee – *"that $8.3 million be allocated to pay down the debt of the Winnipeg Parking Authority to the City of Winnipeg; and that the City of Winnipeg hold these funds in an account to be used, subject to Council approval, for streetscaping and architectural initiatives related to the James Avenue / North Portage Corridor parkade projects."*

Discussion

The Elgin Streetscaping program supports the advancement of strategic public investments that reinforce the continued commitment made to the advancement of the downtown. This is seen as a continuation of the work previously completed on Market, and supportive to the work proposed in the North East Exchange Study to complete the block of Market from Rorie to Bertha, and to the renewal of Bertha from James to Waterfront Drive.

Elgin Avenue is a recognized street in the Exchange District National Historic Site of Canada Commemorative Integrity Statement, and is a key site for Exchange District BIZ tours where it goes by the moniker "Hell's Alley", so named because of the unfortunate deaths of two strikers during the confrontation with the North West Mounted Police. The lane is also recognized for several street characteristics that are still intact such as the railway spur line, loading docks and overhead hydro lines. These elements were key characteristics of the Exchange District.

Preliminary designs for Elgin Avenue focus on interpretative elements that reflect the street's role in the strike of 1919 and will resolve outstanding drainage issues that have existed with the residential redevelopment of the properties along Market and James Avenue. The design is in keeping with the East Exchange Interpretation Study.

The long-term policy vision and direction provided in OurWinnipeg, Complete Communities and "OurDowntown – Always a Priority" support reinvestment in downtown neighbourhoods, including the Exchange District.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement

Date: June 16, 2014

Project Name:

First Year of Program 2014

Establishment of an Elgin Streetscaping 2014 Capital Program Budget

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required	$ 800,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Additional Capital Budget Required	$ 800,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Funding Sources:					
Debt - Internal	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Debt - External	-	-	-	-	-
Grants (Enter Description Here)	-	-	-	-	-
Reserves, Equity, Surplus	-	-	-	-	-
Other - Proceeds of disposition	800,000	-	-	-	-
Total Funding	$ 800,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Additional Capital Budget Required	$ 800,000				
Total Additional Debt Required	$ -				
Current Expenditures/Revenues					
Direct Costs	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery	23,301	-	-	-	-
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ (23,301)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	(23,301)	-	-	-	-
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments: Capital expenditures in 2014 consist of contractor, consultant & other costs totaling $776,699 + short-term financing and corporate admin fees of $23,301. The latter amount is offset by an equal recovery in the Corporate Finance Department current budget. The source of funding is a portion of the net proceeds of disposition of the Winnipeg Square Parkade.

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CONSULTATION

In preparing this report there was consultation with:

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Centre Venture Development Corporation

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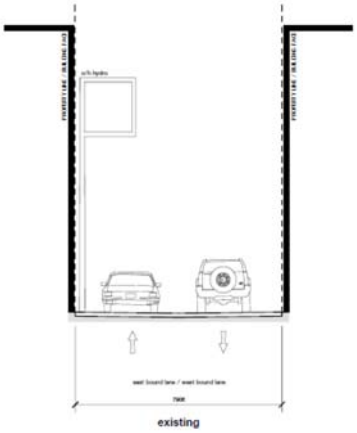
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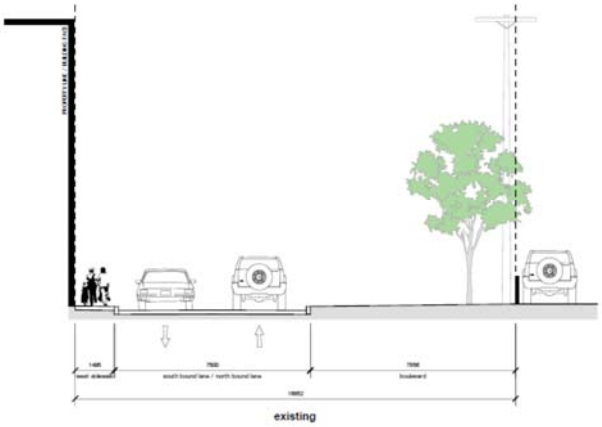
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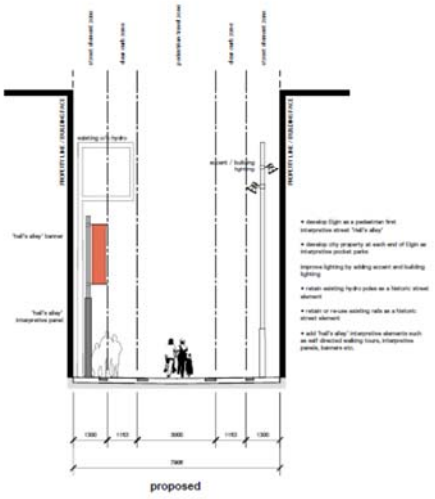
Preliminary Plan of Elgin Avenue and Bertha

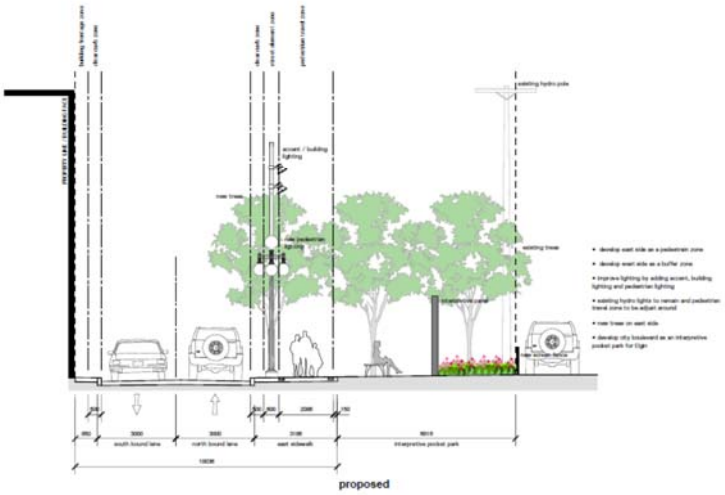


Preliminary Sketches of Elgin Avenue









JE from Lily to Bertha section A-A

BERTHA STREET from Elgin to James - Interpretive Pocket Park section B-B

Elgin Avenue sections