Minutes – Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management – January 5, 2015

REPORTS

Item No. 6 Funding for the 2015 River Trail

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and recommended to Council:

1. That a $40,000 grant be approved for Festival du Voyageur and The Forks North Portage to assist in the preparation of the 2015 River Trail; subject to a grant agreement being concluded between the City and The Forks North Portage and Festival du Voyageur Inc. setting out final terms and conditions ("the grant agreement").

2. That the Chief Administrative Officer be delegated the authority to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the grant agreement, and such other agreements as determined necessary by the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor, in accordance with this report and such other terms and conditions deemed necessary by the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor to protect the interests of the City.

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 Browaty,

That the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service be concurred in, and forwarded to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

Carried

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Funding for the 2015 River Trail

Critical Path: Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management, Executive Policy Committee, Council

AUTHORIZATION

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REASON FOR THE REPORT

Pursuant to s.13.4(c) of the City Organization By-law, the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management shall report to Council on matters relating to the management of river-related issues which usually cross departmental lines and conventional reporting relationships.

Council must approve all grants to external organizations including commitments from the Waterways budget related to programming and projects.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approval of The City of Winnipeg's core funding allows matching partnership opportunities for the two operating partners.
- Funding is available in the 2015 Waterways Fund operating budget to support the proposed activities.

HISTORY

The Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management reports to Council and is responsible for matters relating to the management of river-related issues, which usually cross departmental lines and conventional reporting relationships.

By-law No 48/2011, March 2011, amended the Standing Policy Committee's roles and responsibilities to include those formerly administered by the Riverbank Management Committee.

For over 20 years, the City of Winnipeg has supported the creation, programming and maintenance of the Festival's outdoor events. Over the last several years, the Grant has been for $40,000, with the exception of a one-time increase for the 40th anniversary of the Festival in 2009.

The City of Winnipeg controls rivers and streams within its boundaries pursuant to the City Waterway By-law 5888/92. This By-law identified regulated Waterway areas and established a new procedure for dealing with Waterway Permits and Orders within the regulated areas of the City with fees collected based on the value of the works undertaken within the regulated area. Waterway permits are issued for a broad spectrum of projects including residential construction, commercial developments, riverbank stabilization, floodplain developments and City infrastructure works.

Revenues from the Waterway permit applications are used to undertake research and special projects; for example, rock column research with the University of Manitoba; maintenance of the Riverbank Asset Management System (RAMS) in conjunction with the University of Manitoba; key riverbank stabilization studies; and the River Trail in partnership with Festival du Voyageur and The Forks North Portage.

Festival du Voyageur was founded in 1969 to create an event that would celebrate the French Canadian *joie de vivre*. The Festival operates as an organization with three business sectors: the 10-day winter festival; the River Trail; and Fort Gibraltar. The initiative has become a winter tradition in Winnipeg offering family programming and special events through January and February.

The River Trail features warming huts, skating rinks in the historic port, curling sheets and weekend programming. The funds are used to provide free programming for families and help market the project and Festival as a premier winter destination.

No other City financing has been requested for this project.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement

Date: December 23, 2014

Project Name:
Funding for the 2015 River Trail

First Year of Program 2015

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs	-	-	-	-	-
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	$ 40,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery	-	-	-	-	-
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ 40,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	40,000	-	-	-	-
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments: Direct costs consist of the recommended grant of $40,000. There is sufficient approved budget in place within the Waterways Fund current budget to fund this request.

"Original signed by"
Mike McGinn, CA
Manager of Finance

CONSULTATION

In preparing this report there was consultation with:

N/A

SUBMITTED BY

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