On Dec 3, 2014, at 8:25 AM, "Eadie, Ross" <readie@winnipeg.ca> wrote:

I have been called away this morning on other business, but I am sending this message for EPC to consider as my support of the AAC's report and recommendations. Please forward on the facts below to the EPC members:

Here is a short informational package for you, in regards to our presentation to EPC and our recommendation to increase funding to the Accessibility Project.

The goal of the Accessibility Program is to upgrade the existing City of Winnipeg building infrastructure to meet the Winnipeg Accessibility Design Standards (WADS). We have seen projects approved for Arenas, Libraries, Swimming Pools, Community Centres, Public Works Facilities, Departmental Offices, Outdoor Facilities, the City Archive Building on William, and of course all the projects at City Hall indoors and out.

Projects over the years have seen include upgrades to:

- indoor and outdoor ramps,
- accessible power activated doors,
- locker room facilities and pool deck improvements,
- elevator improvements,
- signage,
- service and reception desks,
- sidewalks and landscaping
- major facility upgrade projects including accessibility WADS upgrades included projects such as:
    - Peguis Pavilion
    - City Hall (Indoor Improvements)
    - City Hall Court Yard and Ramps
    - William Avenue Archive Building (indoor and outdoor)
    - Recreation Facilities including:
        - Century Arena
        - Klassen Recreation Centre
        - North Centennial Swimming Pool
        - Margaret Grant Pool
    - Public Works Projects and Offices
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Public Works Estimate on Inflation on Projects over the years have been.

2008		15.0%
2009		3.0%
2010		6.0%
2011	6.0%	
2012		6.0%
2013	6.0%	
2014	5.0%	
2015		EST 5.0%

Of course the ultimate goal is to complete the accessibility upgrades to our facility infrastructure, and continue to use WADS in all of our new construction resulting in not having the accessibility project as a capital line item in the future.

We continue to see applications from City of Winnipeg Departments exceed our yearly allotment of $350,000 which suggests that we have a lot more work to do in the near future. In order to complete these tasks it is imparitive to keep up with the inflationary costs, as well as to reduce the number of applications off our lists.

There are other projects not listed such as an upgrade to make washrooms accessible at Machray Park. The demand is always higher than can be accommodated by $350,000.00.

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