Minute No. 571
Report – Executive Policy Committee – June 25, 2014

Item No. 1 Building Canada Fund

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following

1. That the following infrastructure projects be endorsed as City of Winnipeg priorities for intergovernmental funding through the Building Canada Fund (Major Projects component):

    - Waverley Street Underpass
    - Marion Street Widening/Grade Separation and Improvements from Archibald Street to Lagimodiere Boulevard
    - Chief Peguis Trail Extension from Main Street to Route 90
    - Louise Bridge Replacement
    - William R. Clement Parkway Extension from Grant Avenue to Wilkes Avenue
    - Widening of Kenaston Boulevard (Route 90) from Ness Avenue to Taylor Avenue

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 His Worship Mayor Katz,
That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted.

In amendment,
Moved by Councillor Havixbeck,
Seconded by Councillor Wyatt,

WHEREAS the Assiniboine Park Conservancy has undergone major infrastructure upgrades at a significant cost;

AND WHEREAS the costs associated with the project qualify for funding under the Building Canada Fund;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg shall add the Assiniboine Park Conservancy to the list of priority projects being submitted to the Federal Government through the Building Canada Fund, requesting the maximum amount of funding available.

With the concurrence of the Seconder, Councillor Wyatt, and the permission of Council, Councillor Havixbeck withdrew the motion.

The motion for adoption of the item was put and declared carried.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 25, 2014, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Government of Canada provided funding in the amount of $141.5 million to the Province of Manitoba for the Red River Floodway through the Building Canada Fund;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada and the Province of Manitoba provided funding in the amount of $212.5 million for the construction of CentrePort Canada Way, with the Federal contribution provided through the Building Canada Fund and the Asia-Pacific Gateway and Corridor Initiative;

AND WHEREAS on July 22, 2009, the City of Winnipeg Public Service reported to City Council that the City's existing and new strategic infrastructure deficits were estimated at a total of $7.4 billion over the following 10 years;

AND WHEREAS the City's infrastructure deficit must be addressed through funding arrangements with the federal and provincial governments, including joint funding of projects through intergovernmental infrastructure programs such as the Building Canada Fund;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that Council identify City of Winnipeg infrastructure priorities for intergovernmental funding from the Government of Canada and the Province of Manitoba through the Building Canada Fund;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council endorse the following infrastructure projects as City of Winnipeg priorities for intergovernmental funding through the Building Canada Fund (Major Projects component):

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  Marion Street Widening/Grade Separation and Improvements from Archibald Street to Lagimodiere Boulevard
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and submitted the matter to Council.

On June 25, 2014, David Sanders submitted a communication dated June 25, 2014, in opposition to the Building Canada Fund.