Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – October 12, 2016

REPORTS

Item No. 4 Federal Funding for the Intergovernmental Strategic Aboriginal Alignment (ISAA) Working Group Coordinator

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and recommended to Council:

1. That The City of Winnipeg enter into, execute and deliver a funding agreement with the Federal Government, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) setting out the terms and conditions under which the City will receive funding of $48,824.00 to hire the Inter-Governmental Strategic Aboriginal Alignment (ISAA) Coordinator.

2. That authority be delegated to the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the funding agreement with INAC, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein and such other terms and conditions deemed necessary by the City Solicitor / Director of Legal Services 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.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Pagtakhan,

That the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: **Federal Funding for the Intergovernmental Strategic Aboriginal Alignment (ISAA) Working Group Coordinator**

Critical Path: **EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE - COUNCIL**

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In July 2010, the federal and provincial governments, and The City of Winnipeg signed a five-year Memorandum of Collaboration to align resources to help improve socio-economic outcomes of Winnipeg's urban Indigenous residents. This agreement is also known as the Inter-governmental Strategic Aboriginal Alignment (ISAA) Memorandum of Collaboration. The ISAA Working Group developed a Statement of Work to outline activities that would be carried out by the ISAA Working Group from July 2015 to June 2016. The parties are currently planning future arrangements to carry out activities to be coordinated through the ISAA Coordinator which will be supported by the INAC funding.

Over the years each level of government has contributed to the ISAA Coordinator function maintaining the efforts of tri-level collaboration.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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3. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

REASON FOR THE REPORT

Council approval is required in order to enter into an agreement to receive funding from INAC through the Urban Aboriginal Strategy in the amount of $48,824.00 for the 2016/2017 federal funding fiscal year.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

Funding of $48,824.00 from INAC would be administered by The City of Winnipeg through the Indigenous Relations Division to hire a coordinator to support tri-level activities.

HISTORY

In July 2010, the Government of Canada, the Province of Manitoba and The City of Winnipeg signed a Memorandum of Collaboration to work together on initiatives to improve the socio-economic outcomes of Aboriginal people in Winnipeg and the capacity of Indigenous organizations. Through collaboration, parties sought to align activities, resources and efforts to achieve the best possible outcomes.

The activities under the Memorandum of Collaboration have been overseen by a Steering Committee of Senior Officials consisting of the following: The City of Winnipeg's Chief Administrative Officer, Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Deputy Minister, Municipal Governments Deputy Minister and, Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Development Canada's Assistant Deputy Minister. Throughout the five-year duration of the Memorandum of Collaboration, the three levels of government identified four strategic priorities to better align government activities and resources to improve economic outcomes for urban Aboriginal people in Winnipeg. The priority areas were:

- Education, Training and Lifelong Learning;
- Employment and Economic Development;
- Building Capacity, Community Supports and Personal Engagement; and
- Supporting Community Wellness and Safety.

In January 2015, the ISAA Working Group collectively engaged an external consultant to lead the evaluation of the Memorandum of Collaboration, where the evaluator assessed the effectiveness of process, value of outcomes and included recommendations regarding the pursuit of a potential successor agreement.

The Memorandum of Collaboration evaluation revealed the following recommendations:

- Invest sufficient human and financial resources in the work, particularly dedicated coordination staff to assess government readiness for another cycle of intergovernmental collaboration;
- Sign a formal agreement;
- Make community engagement a central part of the process;
- Develop a tighter framework for collaboration;
- Broaden the focus to include policy collaboration;
- Consider a shared funding pool;

- Employ real-time evaluation; and
- Create a capacity-building program.

The Memorandum of Collaboration concluded on June 30, 2015 and in ongoing support of the tri-level collaboration the ISAA Working Group drafted an Administrative Letter of Understanding to allow for tri-party engagement past the Memorandum of Collaboration expiration.

The ISAA Working Group developed a Statement of Work that guided the ISAA Working Group from July 2015 to June 2016 which included:

- Identifying resource requirements for a future collaborative framework that will include technical requirements (i.e., financial, human resource), timelines and risk mitigation/contingency strategies associated with the agreed upon model, sectors/areas and specific activities to develop a technical requirements plan.
- Strengthening collaboration among government partners to conduct pre-planning activities necessary to inform and develop a potential successor to the Memorandum of Collaboration. A formal framework will enable the parties to implement aligned activities with input from the urban Indigenous community in Winnipeg, to improve socio-economic conditions for urban Indigenous peoples.
- Completing the gathering of necessary data and indicators to identify existing gaps that will inform future strategic planning and investments.
- Identifying key tri-level priority areas based on existing mandates where all parties develop detailed strategies that will contribute to improved socio-economic outcomes for Winnipeg's Aboriginal population.
- Further enhancing the work of the Sustainable Livelihoods Model project by obtaining additional data and indicators that reflect the needs of the Indigenous community in Winnipeg and identify existing programs, services and supports that will identify any potential gaps that could help inform any future tri-level initiatives.

In August 2016, the ISAA Working Group presented their recommendations and findings to the Senior Officials.

In order to carry out agreed upon activities, the ISAA working group requires the function under of the ISAA Coordinator, whose primary roles include:

- Coordinating and ensuring the completion of administrative duties for the ISAA.
- Acting as liaison with key stakeholders, ISAA sub committees, outside agencies and consultants as required.
- Assisting in maintaining the ISAA working group documents including the strategic and annual plans.
- Assisting ISAA in the preparation and submission of reports/correspondence and research.
- Assisting and supporting evaluation processes.
- Developing and assisting with the coordination of ISAA Working Group meeting agenda items.
- Taking notes, preparing minutes, summarizing discussions and identifying items requiring action.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement

Date: September 8, 2016

Project Name:

Federal Funding for the Intergovernmental Strategic Aboriginal Alignment (ISAA) Working Group Coordinator

First Year of Program **2016**

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Funding Sources:					
Debt - Internal	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Debt - External	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Reserves, Equity, Surplus	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funding	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -				
Total Additional Debt Required	$ -				
Current Expenditures/Revenues					
Direct Costs	$ 19,530	$ 29,294	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery - INAC	19,530	29,294	-	-	-
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	-	-	-	-	-
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments:

The amounts above represent the agreement with the Federal Government, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for a total of $48,824.00. Funding from INAC would be administered by the City of Winnipeg through the Indigenous Relations Division to hire a coordinator to support tri-level activities.

Original signed by R. Hodges

Ramona Hodges
Manager of Finance (Campus)
Corporate Finance Department

CONSULTATION

Legal Services (as to legal issues)

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

This recommendation would support OurWinnipeg as follows:

Direction 3: Maintain strong intergovernmental cooperation.

Direction 6: Foster opportunities for Aboriginal Winnipeggers, particularly youth, to obtain meaningful employment by building on current civic practices, processes and community partnerships.

SUBMITTED BY

Department: Corporate Support Services
Division: Indigenous Relations
Prepared by: R. Forgues, Manager, Indigenous Relations Division
Date: September 9, 2016