Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – December 7, 2016

REPORTS

Item No. 11 Winnipeg Police Pension Fund Letter of Credit

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. That this report be received as information pursuant to the Winnipeg Police Pension Plan Report recommendations adopted by Council on February 27, 2013.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Gillingham,

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

Carried

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Winnipeg Police Pension Fund Letter of Credit

Critical Path: Executive Policy Committee – Council

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City was advised by the Winnipeg Police Pension Board that a solvency exemption was not granted.

The City has secured a Letter of Credit of sufficient value to offset the solvency deficiency obligation at a cost for one year of $94,861. This Letter of Credit's fee is projected to increase annually by $5,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council receives this Report as information pursuant to the Winnipeg Police Pension Plan Report recommendations adopted by Council February 27, 2013.

REASON FOR THE REPORT

Recommendation No. 3 of the February 27, 2013 Council Decision requires the Chief Financial Officer to report annually to Council on the City's projected future commitments under any Letters of Credit issued to offset the solvency deficiency obligation for the Winnipeg Police Pension Fund.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the December 31, 2013 Actuarial Valuation, the City issued an Irrevocable and Unconditional Standby Letter of Credit to secure solvency deficiency obligations to the Winnipeg Police Pension Board in Trust for the Winnipeg Police Pension Fund.

The City's liability escalates monthly and fees of 0.30% are payable quarterly on amounts outstanding as per the schedule below.

Schedule

From	Until	Amount
October 27, 2016	October 29, 2016	$32,113,961
October 30, 2016	November 29, 2016	$32,217,803
November 30, 2016	December 29, 2016	$32,321,980
December 30, 2016	January 29, 2017	$32,426,494
January 30, 2017	March 1, 2017	$32,531,346
March 2, 2017	March 29, 2017	$32,636,537
March 30, 2017	April 29, 2017	$32,742,068
April 30, 2017	May 29, 2017	$32,847,941
May 30, 2017	June 29, 2017	$32,954,156
June 30, 2017	July 29, 2017	$33,060,714
July 30, 2017	August 29, 2017	$33,167,617
August 30, 2017	September 29, 2017	$33,274,866
September 30, 2017	October 26, 2017 (Expiry Date)	$33,382,461

The fee associated with this Letter of Credit is $94,861.

The annual projected fees to 2020, which are subject to change due to the requirement for annual Actuarial Valuations, are documented in the Financial Impact Statement.

Recommendation No. 2 of the Winnipeg Police Pension Plan Report adopted by Council on February 27, 2013 states: "That in the event an annual Council Approval is not obtained on or before the date that falls 120 days prior to the date necessary to meet all obligations under the Pension Benefits legislation as determined by the Chief Financial Officer in consultation with the Actuary, that the Chief Financial Officer be delegated the authority to issue the required Letter of Credit for such year and determine final amounts, timing, terms, and process for such Letter of Credit based on legal and actuarial requirements."

The Actuarial Reports as at December 31st are projected to be available annually in June and the Letter of Credit must be filed annually by approximately the end of July. Actual filing dates will vary by year. The Chief Financial Officer will annually issue the Letter of Credit to comply with obligations under the Pension Benefits legislation as required. The Chief Financial Officer will report annually to Council on the City's projected future commitments under any Letters of Credit issued.

HISTORY

On December 14, 2011, Council approved a Report entitled "Winnipeg Police Plan – Solvency Exemption". Recommendation No. 2 of the Report states: "That, in the event solvency exemption is not achieved (for the Plan), the City explore all options to reduce the significant financial impact related to the solvency deficiency rules and recommend a course of action for Council approval."

The City was advised by the Winnipeg Police Pension Board (the "Board") that a solvency exemption was not achieved. The City had a choice to either:

- increase its monthly contribution to the Plan by an estimated $3,563,000 plus monthly interest as required by legislation on the outstanding balance based on the 2013 Actuarial Valuation for five years (final amounts are subject to annual actuarial calculations as part of the valuation of the Plan at December 31st of each year and could differ materially); or

- obtain a Letter of Credit of sufficient value to offset the solvency deficiency obligations.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement

Date: November 25, 2016

Project Name:

Winnipeg Police Pension Fund Letter of Credit

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	$ 95,090	$ 100,000	$ 105,000	$ 110,000	$ 115,000
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery	-	-	-	-	-
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ 95,090	$ 100,000	$ 105,000	$ 110,000	$ 115,000
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	95,090	100,000	105,000	110,000	115,000
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments:

This schedule is prepared on a calendar year basis and the fee for 2016 is $95,090. 2017 and future year costs for the Letter of Credit are to be determined based on Actuarial Valuations. Interest is calculated at actuarial interest rates. Budgets for 2017 to 2020, which are included in the Winnipeg Police Service operating budget submission, have not yet been approved by Council.

(Original signed by R. Hodges)

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CONSULTATION

N/A

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

Section 02 of OurWinnipeg (A Sustainable City) provides policy guidance and states social, environmental and economic sustainability are essential to Winnipeg's long-term well-being. The Police Letter of Credit aligns with economic sustainability goals.

SUBMITTED BY

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