Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – February 15, 2017

REPORTS

Item No. 2 Louis Riel School Division Operating Grant – Dakota Alumni Field

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DECISION:

The Executive Policy Committee rescinded its recommendation of January 18, 2017.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. That Recommendation 1T of the 2015 adopted operating budget and 2016 and 2017 projections, adopted by Council on March 23, 2015 (the "Original Recommendation"), be amended by deleting the words "subject to the proponent providing confirmation of at least matching funding from sources external to the City of Winnipeg."

2. That the City provide a grant of $600,000 to the Louis Riel School Division (in trust for Dakota Alumni Field) in accordance with the Original Recommendation, as amended by Recommendation 1 hereof.

3. That the City include the grant of $600,000 on Appendix 2 of the 2017 Adopted Operating and Capital Budget.

4. That prior to any payment of grant monies, the City enter into, execute and deliver a grant agreement with the Louis Riel School Division that sets out the terms and conditions of the grant, and that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of such grant agreement in accordance with the Original Recommendation as amended by Recommendation 1 hereof and such other terms and conditions deemed necessary by the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor to protect the interests of the City.

5. 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 Mayes,

1. That the January 18, 2017 recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be rescinded.

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

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 8, 2017, the Executive Policy Committee referred the matter to the Winnipeg Public Service for report back to its meeting on February 15, 2017.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On January 25, 2017, Council referred the item back to the Executive Policy Committee.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 18, 2017, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS Council Recommendation 1T of the 2015 adopted operating budget and 2016 and 2017 projections, adopted by Council on March 23, 2015, (the "Original Recommendation") states as follows:

> "That Council include in the 2017 projections an operating grant to the Louis Riel School Division (in trust for Dakota Alumni Field) of up to $600,000 in support of the Alumni Field Capital Campaign (Dakota)" and "that the Public Service earmark $600,000 of proceeds from the City/Qualico River Park South Joint Venture to fund the City contribution, subject to the proponent providing confirmation of at least matching funding from sources external to the City of Winnipeg.";

AND WHEREAS the Louis Riel School Division has requested the grant monies of up to $600,000 to begin work on the Dakota Alumni Field (the "project");

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

AND WHEREAS the provincial funding of $1 million for this project remains under review and has not been confirmed;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable for the City to provide grant funding in 2017 even though provincial funding has not yet been confirmed;

AND WHEREAS Council approval is required to amend the Original Recommendation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Original Recommendation be amended by deleting the words "subject to the proponent providing confirmation of at least matching funding from sources external to the City of Winnipeg.".

2. That the City provide a grant to the Louis Riel School Division (in trust for Dakota Alumni Field) in accordance with the Original Recommendation, as amended by Recommendation 1 hereof.

3. That prior to any payment of grant monies, the City enter into, execute and deliver a grant agreement with the Louis Riel School Division that sets out the terms and conditions of the grant, and that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of such grant agreement in accordance with the Original Recommendation as amended by Recommendation 1 hereof, and this motion, and such other terms and conditions deemed necessary by the City Solicitor/Director of Legal Services to protect the interests of the City.

4. That the proper officers of the City do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

and submitted the matter to Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Grant to Louis Riel School Division (in trust for Dakota Alumni Field)

Critical Path: EPC - Council

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The report seeks Council approval to amend a Council approved recommendation from the 2015 operating budget to remove reference to matching funding from external sources prior to the City advancing its grant of $600,000. In addition the report recommends a revision to Appendix 2, Volume 2 of the adopted 2017 Operating Budget to include the grant to Louis Riel School Division previously considered by Council in the 2015 budget process. There is no financial impact to these recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Council Recommendation 1T of the 2015 adopted operating budget and 2016 and 2017 projections adopted by Council on March 23, 2015 (the "Original Recommendation") be amended by deleting the words "subject to the proponent providing confirmation of at least matching funding from sources external to the City of Winnipeg."
2. That the City provide a grant of $600,000 to the Louis Riel School Division (in trust for Dakota Alumni Field) in accordance with the Original Recommendation, as amended by Recommendation 1 hereof.
3. That the City include the grant of $600,000 on Appendix 2 of the 2017 Adopted Operating and Capital Budget.
4. That prior to any payment of grant monies, the City enter into, execute and deliver a grant agreement with the Louis Riel School Division that sets out the terms and conditions of the grant, and that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of such grant agreement in accordance with the Original Recommendation as amended by Recommendation 1 hereof and such other terms and conditions deemed necessary by the City Solicitor/Director of Legal Services to protect the interests of the City.
5. That the proper officers of the City do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

REASON FOR THE REPORT

Council Recommendation 1T of the 2015 adopted operating budget and 2016 and 2017 projections, adopted by Council on March 23, 2015, (the "Original Recommendation") states as follows:

> "That Council include in the 2017 projections an operating grant to the Louis Riel School Division (in trust for Dakota Alumni Field) of up to $600,000 in support of the Alumni Field Capital Campaign (Dakota)" and "that the Public Service earmark $600,000 of proceeds from the City/Qualico River Park South Joint Venture to fund the City contribution, subject to the proponent providing confirmation of at least matching funding from sources external to the City of Winnipeg."

Provincial funding of $1 million originally contemplated for this project is under review and has not been confirmed. Therefore Council approval is required to amend the 2015 budget motion. Also an amendment to Appendix 2, Volume 2 is required in the adopted 2017 operating budget to reflect the grant of $600,000.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

There are no specific implications in respect of this report.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

Dakota Collegiate' s (the "School") playing field was not developed for school sports. In 2013 School alumni commenced a fundraising campaign for the "Alumni Field". This is an initiative of the School and its alumni, as opposed to the Louis Riel School Division (LRSD). However, the school division has not committed funding to the project, though it has been supportive of the fundraising drive.

The Alumni Field project as originally envisaged included:

- A new "turf" (i.e. artificial grass) regulation size (roughly 150 yards long) field for football, baseball, field hockey, rugby and ultimate;
- Lights and scoreboard ;
- A new 400m rubberized surface running track;
- A relocated staff parking lot due to the reconfiguration of track and playing field.
- Cricket batting cage; and
- Numerous other amenities, and a drop off zone on the northern side of school.

The total cost is estimated to be $5.0 million.

The School has hosted three fundraising dinners (2014, 2015 and 2016) with a fourth and final dinner planned for May, 2017. The three dinners to date have raised gross proceeds of approximately $267,000. In addition, the cricket cage project raised $40,000 and the School has identified the possibility of a corporate donation in the amount of $250,000.

The Province announced $1 million in funding in October, 2015. This money is now "under review", and no time frame has been confirmed with respect to a potential funding commitment.

City funding for the project totaling $1,200,000 has been approved as follows:

- Building Communities Initiative II - Phase Two City/Province Dakota Collegiate Tennis and Cricket Project $40,000 (City share $20,000);
- 2015 Original Recommendation up to $600,000 to be matched from external sources;
- 2017 budget $350,000 for the Dakota Alumni Field;
- 2017 budget $180,000 for an outdoor basketball court amenity; and
- 2017 St Vital ward CIG grant $50,000.

City operating grant funding must be spent in 2017 or lapse back into general City revenue.

Total funding available at this date including those raised by the School is short of the estimated cost of the project of $5 million noted above. As a result the LRSD has reduced the scale of the project to equal expected funding by:

- Not proceeding with a running track;
- Foregoing the need to relocate the parking lot;
- Constructing a grass field as opposed to installing artificial turf; and
- Not adding further amenities with the exception of the basketball court which is receiving dedicated city funding.

The LRSD has advised the local area Councillor that the project cannot proceed without City funding.

The report recommendations require Council approval to:

- Delete the "subject to" wording in the Original Recommendation to permit flow through of the grant without the need for external funding.
- Confirm approval of a grant of $600,000 to LRSD (in trust for Dakota Alumni Field) and amend the 2017 budget, Volume 2 to include this amount on Appendix 2. It was noted that Appendix 2 in the preliminary budget did not reflect this grant and it should be included in the adopted budget. Further it should be noted that the Planning Property and Development Department has confirmed that City funding for this grant is available from proceeds of the City/Qualico River Park South Joint Venture in the 2017 Land Operating Reserve and no amendments are required to the tax-supported budget to reflect this grant.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement **Date:** February 7, 2017

Project Name: Grant to Louis Riel School Division (in trust for Dakota Alumni Field)

COMMENTS:

There are no financial implications to the recommendations of this report.

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OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

Not applicable

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