Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – April 19, 2017

REPORTS

Item No. 4 Bicycle Parking Partnership Grants 2016 and 2017

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. That the recommended partnership grants totalling $175,000 and construction of a bike cage for $10,000, identified in the attached Appendix, for the coordination of the installation of bicycle racks in the public right-of-way throughout the City be approved.

2. That the City enter into, execute and deliver grant agreements with the grant recipients identified in the attached Appendix, and such other agreements as determined necessary by the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor to implement the intent of the foregoing (the "Ancillary Agreements").

3. That authority be delegated to the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the grant agreements and the Ancillary Agreements, in accordance with this report and such other terms and conditions deemed necessary by the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor to protect the interests of the City.

4. 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 Councillor Pagtakhan,

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

Carried

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Bicycle Parking Partnership Grants 2016 & 2017

Critical Path: Executive Policy Committee—Council

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Winnipeg Public Service provides grants to organizations to facilitate the installation of bike racks throughout the city. This report seeks Council's approval to enter into grant agreements with eight BIZs and two other agencies for the installation of bike corrals, racks and cages throughout the City using 2016 and 2017 approved funding under the Bike Parking Grant Program.. A list of recommended recipients is provided in the Appendix.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Council approve the recommended partnership grants totaling $175,000 and construction of a bike cage for $10,000, identified in the attached Appendix, for the coordination of the installation of bicycle racks in the public right-of-way throughout the City.
2. That the City enter into, execute and deliver grant agreements with the grant recipients identified in the attached Appendix, and such other agreements as determined necessary by the City Solicitor / Director of Legal Services to implement the intent of the foregoing (the "Ancillary Agreements").
3. That authority be delegated to the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the grant agreements and the Ancillary Agreements, in accordance with this report 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 be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

REASON FOR THE REPORT

Council approval is required to award the recommended grants and for the City to enter into grant agreements with the grant recipients.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

Council approval of the recommendations will result in grant agreements with eight BIZs and two other agencies for the installation of bike corrals, racks and cages throughout the City using 2016 and 2017 approved funding under the Bike Parking Grant Program.

All short term bike parking facilities will be located in the public right-of-way with the exception of schools, community centres and libraries. Winnipeg Public Service will be responsible for maintenance of the facilities in the right-of-way.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

On July 15, 2015 Council approved the Pedestrian and Cycling Strategies (PCS). The PCS directed the Public Service to:

- Continue to expand partnerships with BIZs and individual businesses to implement short-term bicycle parking in the public right-of-way.
- Continue to work with BIZs and individual businesses to expand the bicycle corral program.
- Facilitate the development of publicly-available full-service bicycle parking stations in downtown and other areas of high cycling activity.
- Develop a program to support businesses in existing developments to retrofit existing buildings to provide bicycle parking.

Since 2009, the Public Works Department has been providing partnership grants to BIZs, schools, community centres, and libraries for the installation of short term bike parking facilities (aka: bike racks) in the public right-of-way. The Public Works Department is now seeking approval from Council for all grant recommendations.

On March 22, 2016, Council adopted the 2016 Capital Budget which included $1,500,000 for the Bicycle Corridors Program. There is an available budget of $368,398.10 in the Bicycle Corridors Program.

On May 18, 2016, Council approved the 2016 Pedestrian and Cycling Action Plan. Under the 2016 Bicycle Corridors Program, the Pedestrian and Cycling Action Plan identified $105,000 for the Bike Parking Grant Program. The Pedestrian and Cycling Action Plan awarded $20,000 from the Bike Parking Grant Program for the Windsor Park Library. There is an available budget of $85,000 in the Bike Parking Grant Program to award the recommended grants.

On December 13, 2016, Council adopted the 2017 Capital Budget which included $4,700,000 for the Pedestrian and Cycling Program. The Pedestrian and Cycling Program included $100,000 for Bicycle Parking Partnership Grants.

For 2016/2017, a list of recommended recipients is provided in the attached Appendix: Recommended Bike Parking Grant Partners for 2016/2017. The recommended BIZ recipients

were identified in collaboration with the Neighbourhood Economic Development Officer who is the City's BIZ liaison. BIZ recipients were selected to coincide with upcoming streetscape enhancement projects as well as location demand and PCS direction. Of the sixteen City of Winnipeg BIZs, eight are recommended to receive grants with the 2016 and 2017 combined funds. The Downtown BIZ is recommended to receive a grant for short-term bike parking facilities as well as for three bike corrals to be placed at approved locations during snow-free months. All work in relation to the bike corrals by the Downtown BIZ must be coordinated with The Public Works Department and the Parking Authority prior to installation and award of grant funding.

The Public Works Department has supported the installation of bike cages at several schools throughout Winnipeg. Bike theft continues to be a problem and schools are often the target for theft of multiple bikes in one day. Principals have reported that bike theft is a particularly disturbing occurrence for children and youth. As a result of this, it is recommended that a grant be awarded to the Green Action Centre (GAC) for the facilitation of the installation of bike racks and protected bike cages at schools throughout the city. The Green Action Centre has developed a strong working relationship with school throughout the city through several initiatives including: as the coordinator of Bike to School Week, numerous ongoing Safe Routes to School studies and the Bicycle Education Skills Training courses. As well as coordinating the annual Bike to School Month, from 2010-2016 GAC has conducted surveys with 126 Winnipeg Schools through the BikeWalkRoll initiative and has worked on School Travel Planning at 29 schools in Winnipeg.

It is recommended that a grant be awarded to Bike Winnipeg for the facilitation of the installation of bike racks in the public right of way, adjacent to businesses and other approved locations in areas where no local BIZ exists. With limited time and resources, working with area BIZs has been integral to the expansion of available short-term bike parking facilities. An important finding of the PCS was that the provision of end of trip accommodation, such as bike parking, was essential to encouraging cycling for leisure and commuter activity. Not all destinations in Winnipeg are in areas that have a local BIZ. The Public Works Department is seeking to partner with Bike Winnipeg to facilitate the installation of short-term bike parking facilities in areas that do not have a BIZ. Bike Winnipeg has extensive knowledge of Winnipeg's cycling network, user needs and public demand. They provide skills training courses (independently and in partnership with MPI) and operate "Bicycle Valet Winnipeg" an event-based bike valet service to reduce traffic and parking congestion.

All bicycle parking facility locations will be reviewed by The Public Works Department prior to installation.

The Public Works Department recommends that $10,000 be reserved for the installation of a secure bike cage for The City of Winnipeg Public Service in the proximity of City Hall and 180 King Street as directed by the PCS:

"Demonstrate leadership in providing short-term bicycle parking for visitors to the City of Winnipeg facilities and secure long-term parking and end-of-trip facilities (showers, change rooms, etc) for employees at municipal buildings"

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement

Date: February 27, 2017

Project Name:

Bicycle Parking Partnership Grants 2016 & 2017

First Year of Program **2017**

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required	$ 194,375	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs	194,375	-	-	-	-
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	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery	9,375	-	-	-	-
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ (9,375)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	(9,375)	-	-	-	-
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments: The Capital Expenditures required are for those grants and the project included in the Appendix. Existing Budgeted Costs represent the 2016 and 2017 Adopted Capital Budget for Public Works Projects; 2016 Bicycle Corridors Program (Project # 1832000416 - Bicycle Corridors, $89,375.00) and the 2017 Pedestrian and Cycling Program (Project # 1832000117 - Pedestrian & Cycling Program, $105,000). Recoveries represent the Department Transportation Administration Overhead and Corporate Interest and Administrative Overheads.

"Original Signed by J. Ruby, CPA, CA"

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Manager of Finance & Administration

CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with:

Planning Property and Development Department and Legal Service Department (as to legal issues)

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

Sustainable Transportation, Our Winnipeg Direction Strategy
Strategies to achieve Active Transportation Goals include to “increase bicycle parking throughout the Downtown and other commercial/employment centres” (p30)

SUBMITTED BY

Department: Public Works
Division: Transportation
Prepared by: Stephanie Whitehouse, Active Transportation Coordinator
Date: February 7, 2017

Attachments: Appendix - Recommended Bicycle Parking Grant Partners for 2016 & 2017

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Available Budget for Bicycle Parking Grant Partners:

2016 Bicycle Corridors – Bike Parking Grant Program - $85,000

2017 Pedestrian and Cycling Program – Bicycle Parking Partnership Grants - $100,000

The total budget available for bicycle parking partnership grants is $185,000.

The Winnipeg Public Service recommends the following grants be awarded to BIZs for a total amount of $115,000:

Downtown BIZ: $45,000
- $32,000 for three bike corrals (approx. 8 parking stalls per corral)
- $13,000 for short-term bike racks

Exchange District BIZ: $15,000

Corydon BIZ: $10,000

Old St Vital BIZ: $5,000

South Osborne BIZ $10,000

Transcona BIZ: $10,000

West Broadway BIZ: $10,000

West End BIZ: $10,000
- Cindy Klassen Centre

The Winnipeg Public Service recommends the following partnership grants be awarded:

Green Action Centre: $30,000
- School bike racks and bike cages

Bike Winnipeg: $30,000
- Winnipeg Public Service approved bike racks in areas without a local BIZ

The Winnipeg Public Service recommends the following construction of a bike cage:

The Winnipeg Public Service recommends $10,000 be used to build a bike cage in the Downtown in proximity to 180 King Street for use by the Winnipeg Public Service.