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Item No. 1 Aquatic Parks

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee submitted the following to Council:

1. That the concepts of the July 19, 2017 Council motion be referred to the Recreational Facilities Master Plan review.

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Pagtakhan,

That the concepts of the July 19, 2017 Council motion be referred to the Recreational Facilities Master Plan review, and the matter be forwarded to Council.

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 6, 2017, due to a tie vote, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks submitted the matter to Executive Policy Committee and Council without recommendation.

On September 18, 2017, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks referred the Council Motion of July 19, 2017 to the Winnipeg Public Service for report back to Committee within 30 days.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On July 19, 2017, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks:

Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Pagtakhan,

WHEREAS the Transcona Aquatic Park (T.A.P.) built for approximately $5.9 million, has been a huge success with line up and attendance numbers that are exceeding expectations since its opening to the public on June 30, 2017;

AND WHEREAS in the First 11 days alone, from June 30 to July 10, 8000 patrons attended the T.A.P;

AND WHEREAS the T.A.P. has a maximum attendance ‘loading’ set out by Manitoba Health of 341, but has seen average attendance of 673 going thru its gates daily;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND WHEREAS this clearly demonstrates the pent up demand for such a facility in Winnipeg, with patrons traveling from all parts of the City to enjoy such a family friendly Outdoor Aquatic Park;

AND WHEREAS with the intellectual rights to the design of the T.A.P., the City can save on the soft costs for engineers, building architects and landscape architects on any additional Outdoor Aquatic Parks that are constructed;

AND WHEREAS the City presently owns and operates many outdoor pools and wading pools that were built PRIOR to Unicity and are soon approaching the end of their facility life, not to mention the fact that many are not accessible to all members of the public, with outdated amenities and washrooms/shower rooms;

AND WHEREAS the construction of new TAP type Outdoor Aquatic Park, strategically placed throughout the City, ideally in older neighbourhoods, can replace and combine older outdoor aquatic infrastructure, and will demonstrate Winnipeg's commitment to recreational facility renewal of old outdoor aquatic facilities while working to help to ensure all new operating costs are offset by existing operating costs from these older sites;

AND WHEREAS the T.A.P. is a great example of renewing older infrastructure, with the removal of two old outdoor pools, namely one wading pool and one deep pool;

AND WHEREAS the City is presently undergoing the Recreation Facility Master plan, which will help guide the City with decision making to deal with our declining and aging pools and recreational facilities;

AND WHEREAS if the City were to set aside $2.5 to $3 million a year, for 10 years in the Capital Budget, for strategic placement around the city, and regional Outdoor Aquatic Parks on the same size and scale as the T.A.P., the City could conceivably construct up to 5 or 6 said facilities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg establish a new capital line item called "New Regional Outdoor Aquatic Parks Capital Fund", with the purpose of:

A. planning and developing approximately half a dozen said facilities to replace older and dated outdoor facilities,

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

B. locating each new Regional Outdoor Aquatic Park strategically around the City of Winnipeg, in support of Council policy.

C. accessing the existing intellectual and professional rights of the design of the T.A.P. so as to build by the said model and design and scale in 5-6 different locations.

D. set aside funds in the Capital Budget annually over a ten year period to allow for this said construction plan.