Minute No. 612
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works – September 11, 2017

Item No. 2 Establishment of a James Avenue Streetscaping and Road Renewal 2017 Capital Project Budget

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works and adopted the following:

1. That $200,000.00 be approved for the cost of consultants related to streetscaping and road renewal in the Cultural District, including James Avenue and Amy Street, with the funding to be provided from the net sale proceeds of the Winnipeg Square Parkade.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Morantz,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 20, 2017, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 11, 2017, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works did not concur in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the following to Executive Policy Committee and Council:

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2. That the Proper Officers of the City do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Establishment of a James Avenue Streetscaping and Road Renewal 2017 Capital Project Budget

Critical Path: Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works – Executive Policy Committee - Council

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On March 23, 2011, Council approved the report of the Alternative Service Delivery Committee "Winnipeg Parking Authority - Projects for Immediate Action (Parkade Development)" which recommended *"that $8.3 million be allocated to pay down the debt of the Winnipeg Parking Authority to the City of Winnipeg; and that the City of Winnipeg hold these funds in an account to be used, subject to Council approval, for Streetscaping and architectural initiatives related to the James Avenue / North Portage Corridor parkade projects."*

This is separate funding from the $5.0 million allocated to the James Avenue Parkade Project which still remains available to support a parking structure in the East Exchange area.

This report requests that a new 2017 capital project budget of $2,000,000.00 be established over two years for streetscaping and road renewal in the Cultural District, including James Avenue and Amy Street (James Avenue Streetscaping and Road Renewal project), and that the funding be provided from the net sale proceeds of the Winnipeg Square Parkade. No additional cash-to-capital or debt financing is required.

The James Avenue Streetscaping and Road Renewal project will support the advancement of strategic public investments that reinforce the continued commitment made to the advancement of the downtown. This is seen as a continuation of the work previously completed on Market Avenue, Lily Street, Pacific Avenue, Elgin Avenue, and Bertha Street and is supportive of the work proposed in the North East Exchange Study.

The goal is to complete the work to support redevelopment projects happening at 109 James (James Avenue Pumping Station) and 104 James (new residential development). Preliminary designs include narrowing James Avenue, continuing sidewalk improvements by adding trees,

pedestrian lighting and other civic infrastructure to support the burgeoning District. Attachment A shows the potential of James Avenue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That a new 2017 capital project budget of $2,000,000.00 be established for streetscaping and road renewal in the Cultural District including James Avenue and Amy Street.

2. Subject to the approval of Recommendation # 1, that the funding for the new 2017 capital project (# 6351400417) budget entitled “James Avenue Streetscaping and Road Renewal” be provided from the net sale proceeds of the Winnipeg Square Parkade.

3. That the proper officers of the City do all things necessary to implement the inent of the foregoing.

REASON FOR THE REPORT

Council approval is required to establish Capital Project and/or Program Budgets.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

A 2017 budget for a “James Avenue Streetscaping and Road Renewal” capital project will be established.

No additional cash-to-capital funding is required as 100% of the budget is to be funded by proceeds of disposition of the Winnipeg Square Parkade.

The James Avenue project will support the advancement of strategic public investments that reinforce the continued commitment made to the advancement of the downtown.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

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The James Avenue Streetscaping and Road Renewal project will support the advancement of strategic public investments that reinforce the continued commitment made to the advancement of the downtown. This is seen as a continuation of the work previously completed on Market Avenue, Lily Street, Pacific Avenue, Elgin Avenue, and Bertha Street and is supportive of the work proposed in the North East Exchange Study.

The goal is to complete the work to support redevelopment projects happening at 109 James (James Avenue Pumping Station) and 104 James (new residential development). Preliminary designs include narrowing James Avenue, continuing sidewalk improvements by adding trees, pedestrian lighting and other civic infrastructure to support the burgeoning District. Additionally, there is still potential for a parkade at James and Lily. Attachment A Renderings show the potential of James Avenue.

Other downtown projects which have benefited through this funding include:

- Market Avenue 2012 (Cultural District) – $2,500,000.00
- Donald and Hargrave 2014 (CentrePoint) – $1,200,000.00
- Elgin Avenue 2014 (East Exchange) - $800,000.00
- Lily Avenue 2016 (Cultural District) - $1,200,000.00
- *James Avenue 2018 (Cultural District) - $2,000,000.00 (subject to Council approval)*

Of the $8.3 million, approximately $600,000.00 would remain.

The ability to plan street renewal with new developments as well as streetscaping enhancements, historical interpretations, wayfinding, pedestrian connectivity with infrastructure renewal is the optimal way to realize value and complete rights-of-way that are well-planned.

The long-term policy vision and direction provided in OurWinnipeg, Complete Communities and “OurDowntown – Always a Priority” supports reinvestment in downtown neighbourhoods, including the Exchange District.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement

Date: May 31, 2017

Project Name:

Establishment of a James Avenue Streetscaping and Road Renewal 2017 Capital Project Budget

First Year of Program 2017

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required	$ 200,000	$ 1,800,000	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Additional Capital Budget Required	$ 200,000	$ 1,800,000	$ -	$ -	$ -
Funding Sources:					
Debt - Internal	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Debt - External	-	-	-	-	-
Grants (Enter Description Here)	-	-	-	-	-
Reserves, Equity, Surplus	-	-	-	-	-
Other - Net Proceeds from Sale of Winnipeg Square Parkade	200,000	1,800,000	-	-	-
Total Funding	$ 200,000	$ 1,800,000	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Additional Capital Budget Required	$ 2,000,000				
Total Additional Debt Required	$ -				
Current Expenditures/Revenues					
Direct Costs	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery	6,295	56,659	-	-	-
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ (6,295)	$ (56,659)	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	(6,295)	(56,659)	-	-	-
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments: Estimated capital expenditures over 2017 and 2018 totaling $2 million consists of $1,937,046 in consultant and/or contractor expenditures plus short-term financing charges and corporate admin fees of $62,954. The latter amount is offset by an equal recovery in the current budget of the Corporate Finance Department. Funding for this budget is provided from the net proceeds of sale of the Winnipeg Square Parkade. No additional cash-to-capital or debt financing is required.

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CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with:

Public Works Department

Centre Venture Development Corporation

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

The *OurWinnipeg* Complete Communities Direction Strategy, Section 03-1e, High Quality Place Downtown states:

Direction 2

Pursue high-quality urban design in a manner that conserves, enriches, and showcases the rich collection of heritage resources Downtown.

Direction 3

Invest in high-quality Downtown public spaces that attract people and promote private sector investment.

Direction 5

Create pedestrian spaces that effectively accommodate all ages and abilities.

SUBMITTED BY

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Attachment A: Rendering showing potential of James Avenue



Cross section of proposed changes James Avenue



