Agenda - Executive Policy Committee - January 21, 2004

REPORTS

Item No. 4 Crossing Boundaries
File GG-2.3

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

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Report

Re: Crossing Boundaries

For Submission To: Executive Policy Committee

Original Report Signed By: R. Kachur, City Clerk

Report date: November 12, 2003

Recommendation(s):

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Report Summary

Key Issues:

- The Crossing Boundaries National Council is an important new initiative bringing together senior public servants and elected officials from all provinces and all three levels of government to examine methods for more effective and coordinated delivery of government services.

Implications of the Recommendation(s):

General Implications

X None

ð For the organization overall and/or for other departments

ð For the community and/or organizations external to the City of Winnipeg

ð Involves a multi-year contract
Comment:

Policy Implications

X No

ð Yes
Comment:

Environmental Implications

X No

ð Yes

Comment:

Human Resource Implications

X No

ð Yes

Comment:

Financial Implications

X Within approved current and/or capital budget

ð Current and/or capital budget adjustment required

Comment:

Report

Reason for the report:

The Crossing Boundaries Initiative is a national effort bringing together elected officials and public servants from all three levels of governments, to develop a new model for delivery of services. It is important that the City of Winnipeg contribute to this initiative, both in terms of participation on the Council and through financial support.

History & Discussion:

The Crossing Boundaries initiative has existed since 1997 as a national dialogue on the impact of information technology on government, democracy and citizens. At the most recent Crossing Boundaries Conference, consensus was reached by participants from all levels of government as to the benefit of transforming the initiative from a research and consultation project into a national forum.

The Crossing Boundaries National Council mission will be to act as a champion for:

- more inclusive governance through the use of deliberative processes involving citizens, organizations and other governments and;

- the transformation of government services, business processes and reporting practices to make government more citizen-centered, outcome-oriented, transparent and accountable.

The Crossing Boundaries National Council will be made up of 40 members including public servants and elected officials from all provinces and all three levels of government.

The Council will work with governments, NGO's and the business community to help them take advantage of the opportunities that information and communications technologies create to strengthen governance and improve government.
Councillor Eadie, as the City of Winnipeg's new Secretary of Government Reform, will play an important role on the National Council, both as a voice for the City of Winnipeg and for all municipal governments across the country.

The funding of $10,000.00 in each of the next three years to be provided by the City of Winnipeg will become part of the $500,000.00 annual operating budget of the new council.

Financial Impact Statement:

Project Name: Crossing Boundaries National Council
Date: November 12, 2003 First Year of Program: 2004

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Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required					
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs					
Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Funding Sources:					
Debt - Internal					
Debt - External					
Grants (Enter Description Here)					
Reserves, Equity, Surplus					
Other - Enter Description Here					
Total Funding	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -				
Total Additional Debt Required	$ -				
Current Expenditures/Revenues					
Direct Costs	$ 10,000	$ 10,000	$ 10,000		
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery					
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ 10,000	$ 10,000	$ 10,000	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	10,000	10,000	10,000		
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Additional Comments:					

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Department Controller

THIS REPORT SUBMITTED BY:
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