Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – May 8, 2018

REPORTS

Item No. 3 Health Canada Agreement for Air Quality Health Index Program

WINNIPEG PUBLIC SERVICE RECOMMENDATION:

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2. That the City enter into, execute and deliver a funding agreement with Health Canada that sets forth the terms and conditions of the federal funding and funding agreements with each of the Organizations that set forth the terms and conditions of each grant.

3. That authority be delegated to the Chief Financial Officer to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the funding agreements with Health Canada and Green Action Centre, Inc., 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Health Canada Agreement for Air Quality Health Index Program

Critical Path: Executive Policy Committee – Council

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

For the 2018/19 fiscal year, The City of Winnipeg has the opportunity to receive a Health Canada grant for $59,965 in support of its Air Health Quality Index Program.

The Project proposes to deliver Air Quality Health Index services to schools and the general public. It is proposed that 120 school-based presentations be delivered this year with a focus on food impacts, active school travel, or other environmental speakers bureau content.

The Project supports Winnipeg's climate priorities of GHG mitigation, sustainable transportation and enhanced community partnerships and collaborations. It is proposed that The City of Winnipeg subcontract Green Action Centre, Inc. to meet the majority of project objectives and deliverables.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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REASON FOR THE REPORT

As there is currently no delegation of authority with regards to this agreement, Council approval is required to enter into an agreement with Health Canada for the *Air Quality Health Index Program* and with Green Action Centre, Inc. which will be granted funding pursuant to the federal agreement.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

All expenditures related to this grant will be included in the Health Canada grant of $59,965 and the City will retain an administration fee of $5,000 for carrying out the project.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

Green Action Centre, Inc. is a non-profit hub for greener living based in Winnipeg and serving Manitobans. They are a registered charity with an elected volunteer board and paid staff. Established in 1985, they promote greener living through environmental education and encourage practical solutions for homeowners, workplaces, schools and communities.

Green Action Centre, Inc. launched Air Quality Health Index content into their environmental education programming during the 2015-16 school year.

In 2018 and 2019, Green Action Centre, Inc. will deliver 120 presentations to schools related to climate action and air quality and they will also deliver their annual Clean Air Day event (which occurs during the Annual Commuter Challenge and as part of Canadian Environment Week). The event will promote clean air and celebrate pollution free travel, with a focus on Active Transportation for both workplace commuters and youth.

Previously, this Federal grant was provided through Green Manitoba, a Special Operating Agency of the Province of Manitoba. Green Manitoba is no longer in existence and so this funding opportunity was at risk of being lost, however the City of Winnipeg agreed to be Green Action Centre, Inc.’s government agency partner.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement **Date:** April 6, 2018

Project Name: **First Year of Program** **2018**

Health Canada Agreement for Air Quality Health Index Program

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs	-	-	-	-	-
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: Grant to Green Action Centre Inc. and administrative costs	$ 59,965	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Incremental Revenue: Grant from Health Canada	59,965	-	-	-	-
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget	-	-	-	-	-
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments:

The City will receive a grant in the amount of $59,965 from Health Canada in support of its Air Quality Health Index program. This grant is to be utilized by funding the Green Action Centre Inc.'s 2018/2019 environmental education programming related to climate action and air quality, in the amount of $54,965, with the remaining $5,000 to cover administrative costs.

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CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with:
Legal Services (as to legal issues)
Public Works

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

Sustainable Transportation (*OurWinnipeg* Direction Strategy) Section 8 (page 42) directs 'a transportation system that supports an active, accessible and safe lifestyle'. Relevant performance indicators include: Air emissions, bicycling and walking facility supply, bicycle use, pedestrian and safety.

A Sustainable Winnipeg (*OurWinnipeg* Direction Strategy) Section 9 (page 36) directs the City to 'create and maintain a Climate Change Action plan to reduce Winnipeg's community-wide greenhouse gas emissions by 6 per cent below 1998 levels and establish a community-wide GHG reduction target for 2020 and 2035.' and 'Continue to expand the active transportation network and other active transportation initiatives.'

SUBMITTED BY

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