Minute No. 333
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks – May 3, 2019

Item No. 1 Museums – Special Operating Agency

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks and adopted the following:

1. That an extension of time of 120 days be granted for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on establishing a Special Service Unit, under Section 215 of the City of Winnipeg Charter, to be known as the City of Winnipeg Museums Special Operating Agency, complete with a proposed business plan and operating charter, and that this SOA be aligned under the purview of the Customer Service & Communications Department which reports to the CAO.

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 Rollins,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 7, 2019, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 3, 2019, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks recommended to Executive Policy Committee and Council that an extension of time of 120 days be granted for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on establishing a Special Service Unit, under Section 215 of the City of Winnipeg Charter, to be known as the City of Winnipeg Museums Special Operating Agency, complete with a proposed business plan and operating charter, and that this SOA be aligned under the purview of the Customer Service & Communications Department which reports to the CAO.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On September 20, 2018, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks, as amended, and adopted the following:

1. That the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to report back, in 180 days, on establishing a Special Service Unit, under Section 215 of the City of Winnipeg Charter, to be known as the City of Winnipeg Museums Special Operating Agency, complete with a proposed business plan and operating charter, and that this SOA be aligned under the purview of the Customer Service & Communications Department which reports to the CAO.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

2. That the current annual grant of $266,000 be provided annually to the Winnipeg Arts Council (referred to as Museum Grant Funds), to be taken from the grant fund of $1,031,000 currently administered through the Winnipeg Museums Board, and to provide annual admin funding to WAC of $21,300 (representing 8% of the grant funds), to be taken from the administrative funding of $66,880 previously provided to the Winnipeg Museums Board.

3. That the Museums Grant Funds be provided to WAC above, be delivered in the first year to the five museums (Dalnavert Museum, Manitoba Children's Museum, Manitoba Museum, Ukrainian Cultural/Educational Centre, and the Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada) currently receiving those grants totalling $266,000 in the same annual amounts they have received previously.

4. That the WAC be directed, in consultation with museums in Winnipeg, to determine thru appropriate policies and processes for distribution of the Museum Grant Funds to all qualifying museums in Winnipeg in time for the calendar year 2022, and to administer and distribute those Museum Grant Funds annually thereafter as per a transparent, juried process open to all qualifying museums.

5. That consideration be given to define "museum", for the purposes of qualifying a museum's eligibility for Museum Grant Funds being administered and distributed by WAC as: "a permanent institution within the City of Winnipeg, excluding Federal Crown corporations and/or national museums, that collects, preserves and makes accessible to the public, heritage resources and artifacts, which it holds in trust for society.

6. That consideration be given to providing an annual operating budget to the City of Winnipeg Museums SOA for a full time employee, taken in part from the administrative funding currently provided to the Winnipeg Museums Board ($66,880) less admin costs provided to WAC ($21,300) and supplemented by new funds required to support a full time role.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

7. That Council provide an annual on-going Civic Museums Grant, initially set at $765,000, and increasing annually as appropriate, to be administered by the City of Winnipeg Museums SOA to provide grant funding to the City's civic museums as follows:

• Le Musee de Saint-Boniface Museum	$450,000
• Transcona Historical Museums	$155,000
• Seven Oaks House Museum	$28,226
• Ross House Museum	$31,077
• The Historical Museum of St. James – Assiniboia	$83,391
• Grants Old Mill	$17,240
• Fire Fighters Museum	$0
• Winnipeg Police Museum	$0
• Living Prairie Museum	$0

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