Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – June 11, 2019

REPORTS

Item No. 11 Delegation of Authority for Provincial Waterway Authorization Permit

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and recommended to Council:

1. That the City enter into agreements with the Province of Manitoba, as required, for the discharge of water from the Deacon Reservoir and Shoal Lake Aqueduct into the Red River Floodway.

2. That authority be delegated to the Director of Water and Waste to approve terms and conditions of all such agreements, including signature on behalf of the City for a Provincial Waterway Authorization Permit.

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

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,

That the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Delegation of Authority for Provincial Waterway Authorization Permit

Critical Path: Executive Policy Committee – Council

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Water and Waste Department discharges water into the Red River Floodway during maintenance operations at the Deacon Water Treatment plant. The Province of Manitoba must approve discharge into the floodway, and the new approval process requires the City to enter into an agreement for each event. Delegating authority to the Director of Water and Waste for these agreements will maintain the City's ability to effectively schedule maintenance on critical assets.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the City enter into agreements with the Province of Manitoba, as required, for the discharge of water from the Deacon Reservoir and Shoal Lake Aqueduct into the Red River Floodway.

2. That authority be delegated to the Director of Water and Waste to approve terms and conditions of all such agreements, including signature on behalf of the City for a Provincial Waterway Authorization Permit.

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

REASON FOR THE REPORT

Council approval is required to bind the City of Winnipeg to the terms of the Provincial Waterway Authorization Permit.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

Delegating authority to the Director of Water and Waste to sign Provincial Waterway Authorization Permits will maintain operational ability to schedule maintenance events within practical time frames.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

Inspection and maintenance of the City's water supply infrastructure periodically involves dewatering of a portion of the piping at the Deacon Water Treatment Plant. Dewatering requires discharge of water into the Red River Floodway. In the past, permission to discharge the water was obtained with an application form completed by Water and Waste Department staff and submitted to the Province of Manitoba. Beginning in 2018, the Province revised the application process and now requires the signature of an Authorized Signing Officer to bind the applicant to the terms of the Waterway Agreement.

Typically, the Water and Waste Department requires a discharge permit once or twice a year. Scheduling the discharge of water to the Red River Floodway is dependent on operational needs, maintenance activity and resource demands.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement **Date:** May 17, 2019

Project Name:

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FOR PROVINCIAL WATERWAY AUTHORIZATION PERMIT

COMMENTS:

Delegating authority to the Director of Water and Waste to sign Provincial Waterway Authorization Permits will maintain operational ability to schedule maintenance events within practical time frames and estimated costs.

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CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with:

Legal Services (as to legal issues)

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

OurWinnipeg Reference: 02-2 Environment

SUBMITTED BY

Department: Water & Waste
Division: Water Services
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Attachments:

Appendix A: Example copy of “Provincial Waterway Authorization” agreement from Manitoba Infrastructure Department, Water Management & Structures Division