Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – July 9, 2019

REPORTS

Item No. 14 Grant Agreement with the City of Winnipeg and Tree Canada for Tree Canada's CN100 – *A Moving Celebration Tree Planting Project* Agreement 2019

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, execute and deliver a grant agreement with Tree Canada for the *CN100 – A Moving Celebration Tree Planting Project* and such other agreements as determined necessary by the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor to implement the intent of the foregoing (the "Ancillary Agreements").

2. That the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to negotiate and approve the terms of the grant agreement in accordance with this report and such other terms and conditions deemed necessary by the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor to protect the interests of the City.

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

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Rollins,

That Rule 10(3) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be suspended in order that the following item, which was received less than four business days preceding the committee meeting, be considered by Committee.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Rollins,

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

Carried

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Grant Agreement with the City of Winnipeg and Tree Canada for Tree Canada's CN100 – *A Moving Celebration Tree Planting Project* Agreement 2019

Critical Path: Executive Policy Committee – Council

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CN100 – A Moving Celebration Tree Planting Project is a program sponsored by Tree Canada to celebrate CN's 100th anniversary by providing funding for community tree planting projects across Canada. The City of Winnipeg is the recipient of an estimated $13,925 grant related to the implementation of this project. The Public Service will deliver the program and engage with the Point Douglas Residents Committee who will act as a community partner and provide volunteers for the tree planting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the City enter into, execute and deliver a grant agreement with Tree Canada for the *CN100 – A Moving Celebration Tree Planting Project* and such other agreements as determined necessary by the City Solicitor / Director of Legal Services to implement the intent of the foregoing (the "Ancillary Agreements").

2. That the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to negotiate and approve the terms of the grant agreement 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.

3. That the proper officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

REASON FOR THE REPORT

Approval by Council is required for the City to enter into the grant agreement.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

Approval of these recommendations would allow the City to receive a grant in the estimated amount of $13,925 from Tree Canada. Timing is of the essence, as the grant agreement must be signed and returned to Tree Canada no later than September 19, 2019.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

In spring 2019, Tree Canada approached the City of Winnipeg about CN's upcoming 100th anniversary celebration. As part of the celebration CN was seeking to plant 100 trees within various communities. CN will be donating 45 trees from its Moving Celebration to the City and funds from Tree Canada will be used for purchase of the remaining 55 trees and logistics for planting. The intent of the program is to enhance the environmental, social well-being and health of communities by encouraging those communities along the CN corridor to establish tree plantings in a sustainable, environmentally responsible manner.

The Public Service will engage with the Point Douglas Residents Committee to improve habitat and the environment at Point Douglas – Michaelle Jean Park behind the Norquay Community Centre Riverbank. This project will extend the riparian zone, create habitat for wildlife, aid in erosion control and be a springboard for a community-led restoration initiative. Currently, the site is mowed park land with a narrow strip of riparian vegetation (natural area) along the banks of the Red River in central Winnipeg. Nearby there is a community centre, play structure and sports fields. The park is well-used and is a hub of activity for the community.

The donated trees plus an additional 55 trees will be used to extend the riparian forest buffer along this section of the Red River. The trees and shrubs will include a variety of species that will form the tree canopy as well as small trees and shrubs to form an understory layer. This will lay the groundwork for a biodiverse forest as time goes by. In addition, species will be chosen that provide shelter and food for wildlife. Flowering species will provide nectar for pollinators and the berry producing species will provide food for wildlife and humans alike.

Extending the riparian buffer will provide ecological goods and services in terms of erosion and sediment control. This planting will be the first activity of its type for the Point Douglas Residents Committee – Environmental Committee. This will act as a starting point for future environmental and habitat creation initiatives.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement

Date: July 4, 2019

Project Name:

First Year of Program **2019**

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	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
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	$ 13,925	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery	13,925	-	-	-	-
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	-	-	-	-	-
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments:

The financial impact statement has been prepared on the assumption the incremental direct costs incurred will be limited to the amount of the grant received.

"Original Signed by J. Peters, CPA, CGA"

J. Peters, CPA, CGA
Acting Manager of Finance & Administration

CONSULTATION

This report has been prepared in consultation with:

Legal Services (as to legal issues)

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

The report is in accordance with the OurWinnipeg policy to Protect and Enhance the Urban Forest 02-2 Environment and Direction Strategies of 'Complete Communities' and 'A Sustainable City'.

SUBMITTED BY

Department: Public Works
Division: Parks and Open Space
Prepared by: Rodney Penner, City Naturalist
Date: July 4, 2019