Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – December 3, 2019

REPORTS

Item No. 2 Destination Marketing Reserve – Multi-Year Downtown Public Safety Strategy

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee recommended to Council:

1. That an extension of time of 30 days be granted for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back in writing on the following:

    A. Additional recommendations to further enhance downtown safety and an update on the initiatives identified in Recommendation 1, namely:

        "1. That as part of a multi-year downtown public safety strategy, the following initiatives be approved:

            A. That up to $300,000 from the DMR be used, over a 2 year period, for the creation of a Building Exterior Lighting Grant Program (the "Program") to support the integration of architectural lighting that creates a more inviting and safe pedestrian environment downtown, as per the parameters outlined in this report and the following:

                i. That approved applicants be granted up to $5,000 to cover professional design consulting fees; and that the City match up to $10,000 in hard costs per exterior side of the building for eligible improvements;

                ii. That grants not exceed 50% of the cost of the eligible works;

                iii. That the number of projects eligible to receive grants be limited by the total funds available under the Program, which is recommended to be up to $300,000 for a two-year period on a first-come-first-served basis;

                iv. That applicants be required to own the subject property, or be able to demonstrate authorization from the owner to complete the proposed work;

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

v. That all proposed work be required to fulfill the objectives of the Program and be deemed suitable under the City's existing Urban Design Review, and Heritage Review, if applicable;

vi. That maintenance and repair of existing lighting/signage not be eligible under the Program;

vii. and such other parameters deemed necessary by the City Solicitor / Director of Legal Services to protect the interests of the City.

B. That the Program be established for a two year period that will facilitate one or more "Calls for Proposal" for application intake.

C. That the Director of Legal Services / City Solicitor be directed to prepare and bring directly to Council for enactment a by-law establishing the Program outlined in Recommendation 1.a., to be called the "Building Exterior Lighting Grant Program", as per the parameters outlined in this report.

D. That the City be authorized to enter into, execute and deliver a grant agreement with each successful applicant under the Program outlined in Recommendation 1.a., and that authority be delegated to the Director of Planning, Property and Development to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the grant agreements, 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.

E. That up to $150,000 from the DMR be used for consultant services to establish recommendations for the creation of a Community Safety Centre of Responsibility to promote the development of healthy, crime-free neighbourhoods in Winnipeg.

F. That $150,000 from the DMR be used for the modernization and expansion of the Winnipeg Police Service Closed-Circuit Television program.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

G. That $24,000 from the DMR be used for a one-year TrackTik pilot project (the "Pilot Project") for the purchase of mobile software that will enhance communication and coordination between security and outreach workers throughout the downtown and that the City provide the software to the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone and True North Sports and Entertainment in order to facilitate the Pilot Project, subject to the appropriate approvals pursuant to the City's Materials Management Policy.

H. That the City enter into, execute and deliver agreements to facilitate the Pilot Project with the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone and True North Sports and Entertainment, 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").

I. That authority be delegated to the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the agreements in Recommendation 1.h., and the Ancillary Agreements, 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.

J. That authority be delegated to the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of all future similar agreements with organizations to facilitate the Pilot Project and the Ancillary Agreements, 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.

K. That up to $375,000 from the DMR be used for the expansion of the SafeWalk Program for an additional 8 staff through the Watch Ambassador, Exchange Patrol, and West End Enhanced Safety Patrol Presence programs, and that the City grant the said funds to the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone, the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone, and the West End Business Improvement Zone for the Watch Ambassador, Exchange Patrol, and West End Enhanced Safety Patrol Presence programs, respectively.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

L. That the Director of Planning, Property and Development be delegated the authority to determine the portion of the grant to be given to each of the recipients in Recommendation 1.k.

M. That the City enter into, execute and deliver grant agreements with the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone, the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone, and the West End Business Improvement Zone for the Watch Ambassador, Exchange Patrol, and West End Enhanced Safety Patrol Presence programs, 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")."

N. That as part of a multi-year downtown public safety strategy, the Winnipeg Public Service, in consultation with the Winnipeg Police Service, be directed to identify no later than September 2018 the highest risk downtown spaces where safety can be enhanced by public lighting.

O. That up to $250,000 be dedicated from the Destination Marketing Reserve to be used to enhance public lighting in downtown spaces that have been identified as being highest risk."

P. That as part of a multi-year downtown public safety strategy, the Chief Administrative Officer be delegated the authority to work with relevant stakeholders / property owners to develop a strategy to immediately take action to decommission the current transit shelter attached to Portage Place Shopping Centre on Portage Avenue and replace it with an on-street shelter deemed safer for this high traffic location (the "Strategy").

Q. That the Chief Administrative Officer be delegated the authority to implement the Strategy in accordance with the City's Materials Management Policy, and that up to $275,000 from the DMR be identified as a funding source for implementation of the Strategy by the City.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

R. That the City enter into, execute and deliver, any and all agreements with stakeholders / property owners required to implement the Strategy (the "Implementation Agreements") and the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the Implementation Agreements in accordance with the foregoing and such other terms and conditions deemed necessary by the City Solicitor / Director of Legal Services to protect the interests of the City."

2. That the Proper Officers of the City do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Rollins,

That an extension of time of 30 days be granted for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back in writing on the matter.

Carried

COUNCIL DECISION:

On July 19, 2018, Council concurred in the July 11, 2018, recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

2. That the Public Service report back by the fall of 2019 with an update on the initiatives identified in Recommendation 1 as well as provide additional recommendations to further enhance downtown safety.

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