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Item No. 12 Manitoba Theatre for Young People - House at Pooh Corner
File FG-1.1(M)

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 14, 2004, the Executive Policy Committee submitted the following to Council:

1. That the application of $90,000.00 originally allocated to Manitoba Theatre for Young People (MTYP) in 2003 to stage the House at Pooh Corner, be approved to the MTYP's CanWest Global Performing Arts Centre capital campaign.

2. That the approval be conveyed to the Manitoba Theatre for Young People upon receipt of written confirmation that all future costs associated with staging the House at Pooh Corner will be paid from its operational funds.

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 14, 2004, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion, namely:

WHEREAS in July 2003, the Manitoba Theatre for Young People (MTYP) was awarded a $100,000.00 street festivals grant to assist in the development and presentation of the House At Pooh Corner envisioned as a year-round tourist attraction;

AND WHEREAS on January 13, 2004, Manitoba Theatre for Young People requested approval to use $90,000.00 of the grant to assist with the repayment of capital funding of the Can West Performing Arts Centre due to their bank's insistence on capital loan reduction;

AND WHEREAS Manitoba Theatre for Young People plans to mount the production House at Pooh Corner later, with a premiere in October 2004, and a series of summer performances in 2005; the work being accomplished out of the organization's operational budget;

AND WHEREAS this capital repayment is a priority for Manitoba Theatre for Young People as the organization wishes to utilize the redirected $90,000.00 to leverage additional funds;

AND WHEREAS while arts funding is now processed through the arms-length Winnipeg Arts Council, in certain circumstances where the Council cannot act, such as in the case of capital requests, the City may be asked for assistance;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, in light of the Manitoba Theatre for Young People's request, Council approve the application of $90,000.00 originally allocated to MTYP in 2003 to stage the House at Pooh Corner, to the MTYP's CanWest Global Performing Arts Centre capital campaign;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this approval be conveyed to the Manitoba Theatre for Young People upon receipt of written confirmation that all future costs associated with staging the House at Pooh Corner will be paid from its operational funds.