Minute No. 725
Report – Executive Policy Committee – October 20, 2021

Item No. 11 **St. James A's Minor Baseball Association – Grant Agreement for Construction of a Baseball Diamond in St. James Optimist Park (St. James Ward)**

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That $60,000.00 from the 2019 St. James Optimist Park Restoration Capital Project be approved as a grant to the St. James A's Minor Baseball Association for the construction of a baseball diamond in St. James Optimist Park, subject to the following conditions:

   A. That the Director of Public Works or delegate approve the design and location.

   B. That the St. James A's Minor Baseball Association accept full responsibility and liability for carrying out the work in accordance with the approved design.

   C. That the St. James A's Minor Baseball Association accept full responsibility and liability for maintenance of the project after the work has been completed.

   D. That the St. James A's Minor Baseball Association submit invoices for the work completed with the understanding that no funding will flow to the St. James A's Minor Baseball Association after two years have elapsed since the agreement was executed.

   E. That the City be entitled to terminate the grant agreement upon the provision of notice to the St. James A's Minor Baseball Association.

2. That the City enter into, execute and deliver grant agreements with the St. James A's Minor Baseball Association for the above-noted Baseball Diamond Construction Projects 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").

3. That the authority be delegated to the Chief Financial Officer to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the grant agreements with external organizations and the Ancillary Agreements, 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.

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COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Bowman,

That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 20, 2021, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the matter to Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: St. James A's Minor Baseball Association – Grant Agreement for Construction of a Baseball Diamond in St. James Optimist Park

Critical Path: Executive Policy Committee – Council

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Public Service is seeking Council approval to enter into a $60,000 grant agreement with the St. James A's Minor Baseball Association for the construction of a new baseball diamond in St. James Optimist Park. The addition of another hard-ball diamond follows the park master plan that was jointly developed between the City of Winnipeg and the St. James A's Minor Baseball Association, the only dedicated baseball park in the northwest quadrant of the city. The proposed work will support baseball programming in the community and increase the capacity of the facility to hold local, provincial and national tournaments. The funding for this agreement will come from the 2019 St. James Optimist Park Restoration Capital Project budget.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That $60,000.00 from the 2019 St. James Optimist Park Restoration Capital Project be approved as a grant to the St. James A's Minor Baseball Association for the construction of a baseball diamond in St. James Optimist Park, subject to the following conditions:

    A. That the Director of Public Works or delegate approve the design and location.

    B. That the St. James A's Minor Baseball Association accept full responsibility and liability for carrying out the work in accordance with the approved design.

    C. That the St. James A's Minor Baseball Association accept full responsibility and liability for maintenance of the project after the work has been completed.

    D. That the St. James A's Minor Baseball Association submit invoices for the work completed with the understanding that no funding will flow to the St. James A's Minor Baseball Association after two years have elapsed since the agreement was executed.

E. That the City be entitled to terminate the grant agreement upon the provision of notice to the St. James A's Minor Baseball Association.

2. That the City enter into, execute and deliver grant agreements with the St. James A's Minor Baseball Association for the above-noted Baseball Diamond Construction Projects 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").

3. That the authority be delegated to the Chief Financial Officer to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the grant agreements with external organizations 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.

4. 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

Council approval is required to enter into grant agreements with external organizations.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

Funding will be approved for the construction of a baseball diamond as outlined from the 2019 St. James Optimist Park Restoration Capital Project budget.

A standard agreement which has been employed for similar grants to external organizations in the past, will again be utilized and will include standard provisions that protect the City. The agreements will provide for:

- Design approval by the Director of Public Works or delegate.
- The St. James A's Minor Baseball Association accepting full responsibility and liability for carrying out the work in accordance with the approved design, utilizing standard City of Winnipeg Construction Details and Material Specifications.
- The St. James A's Minor Baseball Association will not issue payment for materials or work until it has been inspected and approved by the Director of Public Works or delegate.
- The St. James A's Minor Baseball Association accepting full responsibility and liability for maintenance of the project after the work has been completed.
- Termination by the City upon the provision of notice to the St. James A's Minor Baseball Association.
- The City of Winnipeg will become the rightful owner of all improvements upon completion.

There are no other further implications to any City operations, staff, budgets, Council or to the local environment through these recommendations.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

On July 18, 2019, Council approved an amendment to the 2019 Capital Budget to create the "St. James Optimist Park Restoration project" in the amount of $911,262.40 funded by a portion of the expropriation settlement amount from CentrePort Canada Way.

The majority of the restoration work at St. James Optimist Park was completed during the 2019 and 2020 construction seasons. The installation of protective wooden bollards along the southeast corner of the park, replacement tree planting, demolition of an unsound 60-year-old washroom building, and the installation of a new baseball diamond are the remaining tasks for total project completion.

There is a total of $107,329.00 available in the capital account for these purposes, and the work for the baseball diamond is estimated to be $60,000.00. The addition of another hard-ball diamond follows the park master plan that was jointly developed between the City of Winnipeg and the St. James A's Minor Baseball Association, the only dedicated baseball park in the northwest quadrant of the city.

The proposed work will support baseball programming in the community and increase the capacity of the facility to hold local, provincial and national tournaments. The remaining amount will be sufficient to accomplish the bollard installation, tree planting and demolition. Demolition of the old building will remove a safety risk to the public, while the installation of bollards will protect the park from vandalism and increase the security of park patrons from unintended vehicular traffic. The tree plantings will help to restore the aesthetics of the park, damaged during CentrePort Way construction, and increase the park's health and green canopy in the future.

The St. James A's Minor Baseball Association, the long-term lessee of the site, has undertaken park improvement work on behalf of the City in the past. They wish to undertake and manage the construction of the required baseball diamond, and the Public Works Department is confident of their ability to satisfactorily deliver the project. Therefore, a $60,000.00 capital grant to the St. James A's Minor Baseball Association is being recommended.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement

Date: September 17, 2021

Project Name:

St. James A's Minor Baseball Association – Grant Agreement for Construction of a Baseball Diamond in St. James Optimist Park

First Year of Program **2021**

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required	$ 63,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs	63,000	-	-	-	-
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	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery	3,000	-	-	-	-
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ (3,000)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	(3,000)	-	-	-	-
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments: Total estimated cost of $63,000.00 will be funded by the 2019 St. James Optimist Park Restoration Capital Project (Public Works Capital Project 1858000119). Incremental Revenue/Recovery represents estimated Departmental and Corporate Interest Overheads.

"signed by J. Ruby, CPA, CA"

J. Ruby, CPA, CA
Manager of Finance & Administration

CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with:

N/A

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

Section: 01-5 Recreation Direction 6: Plan for Sustainable and Connected Recreation and Leisure Infrastructure.

WINNIPEG CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ALIGNMENT

N/A

SUBMITTED BY

Department: Public Works
Division: Parks and Open Space Division
Prepared by: J. Bell
Date: September 17, 2021