Minutes - Executive Policy Committee - June 9, 2004

REPORTS

Minute No. 357 Friends of Churchill Parkway - Land Dedication Reserve
File EP-2

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the City Centre Community Committee and recommends to Council:

1. That funding to assist with the cost of planting an additional 3,000 trees in city parks, in the amount of $10,000.00 be allocated from the City Centre Land Dedication Reserve to the Friends of Churchill Parkway.

2. 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 Gerbasi,

That the recommendation of the City Centre Community Committee be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 4, 2004, the City Centre Community Committee recommended to the Executive Policy Committee that funding to assist with the cost of planting an additional 3,000 trees in city parks, in the amount of $10,000.00 be allocated from the City Centre Land Dedication Reserve Fund to the Friends of Churchill Parkway.

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From: The Baldwins
Sent: April 21, 2004 9:46 PM

Upon reflection we could complete our project with only $10,000 but $15,000 would be ideal. This money would only be to purchase container stock that runs, on average, about $50 per plant. Staff costs are covered by a Green Team grant (4 people, one must be a self-declared Aboriginal, Metis, or Innu). Supervision is by us, volunteers, as well as assistance from Cheryl Heming. The $10000 that we have is some left-over money from the EcoACTION grant and a bit from a Fisheries and Oceans grant that came from the rip-rap that went along the bank on Kingston Cresent. We have no other source of funds and without your help we will have to end our project early once the bare root is planted in June and July.

I realize this is a big request but for your support you will get 3000 more trees planted and watered (in addition to the 4000 we have already planted) and you will have 4 workers along the parkway for 4 months interacting with people educating them about the need for this naturalization project. Note that 2000 or so of those 3000 trees will be bare root stock that we receive free from PFRA.

Thank you for considering this request. If successful we would acknowledge the city's support with appropriate signage.

Sincerely,
Kirk

Sent: April 20, 2004 10:22 PM
From: Kirk Baldwin, Friends of Churchill Parkway
Re: Land Dedication Funds

Our group has been in existence for over six years and has, for the last two years, planted over 4000 trees (2002 - 1500 trees, 2003 - 2500) along the Churchill Parkway. We have financed this via Urban Green Team funds and a federal EcoACTION grant.

We have been granted another summer of Green team funding to pay for our workers but the EcoACTION grant has run out so our capital funding is desperate. We do receive some free bare root stock from Cheryl Heming at Parks, but we also need money to purchase container stock.

I am writing to ask for funds from the "Land Dedication Money" that is used to support planting in city parks. We are hoping to plant 500 container plants at a total cost of about $25000. We will be able to raise $10000 and are therefore requesting $15000 from this fund.

Please consider this request and contact me for further information. On behalf of our group, I look forward to your response.