Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – April 20, 2022

Report – Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development – April 5, 2022

Item No. 2 Application to the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund for the City of Winnipeg Archives Renovation Project (Point Douglas Ward)

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development and submitted the following to Council:

1. That a City of Winnipeg Archives Renovation Project application to the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund, be approved.

2. That the Public Service be authorized to pursue other funding opportunities that arise for the City of Winnipeg Archives Renovation Project.

3. That the Public Service report back with a funding strategy and the authority to proceed with the City of Winnipeg Archives Renovation Project if an application for external funding is approved.

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

Report – Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development – April 5, 2022

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Yea:	Bowman, Allard, Browaty, Chambers, Gilroy, Mayes, Rollins	7
Nay:		0

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 5, 2022, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

Corser Du Pont, Chair, Information and Outreach Committee, Association for Manitoba Archives, submitted a communication dated April 4, 2022, in support of the matter.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Application to the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund for the City of Winnipeg Archives Renovation Project

Critical Path: Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development – Executive Policy Committee – Council

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On November 10, 2021, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development concurred in the recommendation of the Public Service and referred the City of Winnipeg Archives Renovation Project, to be housed at 380 William Avenue, to the 2023 budget process. This report is recommending Council authorize the application for funding under the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund for the opportunity to cost share in 50% of eligible expenditures. This report also requests approval to pursue other funding opportunities that arise in order to maximize potential cost sharing for the project.

The Canada Cultural Spaces Fund is a funding program offered by the Government of Canada that supports the improvement of physical conditions for artistic creativity and innovation. The objective of the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund is to contribute to:

- the improved physical conditions for professional arts and heritage related collaboration, creation, presentation and exhibition; and
- increased and improved access for Canadians to arts and culture.

Eligible projects include the construction and/or renovation of arts and/or heritage facilities, or creative hubs and the Archives Renovation Project meets the program criteria. Council approval is required in order to apply for funding under grants or contribution programs. The current total estimated Class 5 cost of the project is $12.69 million.

If the application under the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund or other opportunity for funding is successful the Public Service will report back to Council with a funding strategy for approval to proceed with the project.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Council approve a City of Winnipeg Archives Renovation Project application to the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund.

2. That Council authorize the Public Service to pursue other funding opportunities that arise for the City of Winnipeg Archives Renovation Project.

3. That the Public Service report back with a funding strategy and the authority to proceed with the City of Winnipeg Archives Renovation Project if an application for external funding is approved.

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 in order to apply for funding under grants or contribution programs.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

Upon approval of this report the Public Service will proceed with an application for funding consideration under the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund and pursue other funding opportunities that arise.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

On November 10, 2021, The Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development concurred in the recommendation of the Public Service and referred the City of Winnipeg Archives Renovation Project, to be housed at 380 William Avenue, to the 2023 budget process. The Public Service is requesting Council to authorize the application for funding under the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund for the opportunity to cost share in eligible project expenses.

The Canada Cultural Spaces Fund is a funding program offered by the Government of Canada that supports the improvement of physical conditions for artistic creativity and innovation. Outlined in the program guide the objectives of the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund (CCSF) are to contribute to:

- Improved physical conditions for professional arts and heritage related collaboration, creation, presentation, preservation and exhibition; and
- Increased and improved access for Canadians to arts and culture

Eligible projects include the construction and/or renovation of arts and/or heritage facilities, or creative hubs.

The City Archives Renovation Project meets the criteria of the program and is a good opportunity to pursue to be able to cost share and deliver the project when city resources are constrained and competing priorities for funding are increasing. The program will contribute towards 50% of eligible expenditures up to a maximum amount of $15 million, whichever is lesser, for a construction project or renovation. The current total estimated project Class 5 cost is $12.69 million of which eligible costs are estimated to be $12.10 million. This presents the potential to access $12.10 million x 50% = $6.05 million for the project.

The program also provides that the total financial assistance received from the CCSF and other levels of government (federal, provincial, territorial and municipal) cannot exceed 100% of your total project-related costs. This allows the City to utilize other programs such as the Provincial Strategic Infrastructure Basket funding or the Canada Community Building Fund as a potential source of funding for the project. The City Archives Renovation project qualifies under the Cultural Infrastructure category for the Canada Community Building Fund.

If the application under the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund or other opportunity for funding is successful the Public Service will report back to Council with a funding strategy for approval to proceed with the project.

Applications are accepted on a continuous basis as there is no established deadline under the CCSF fund however it must be indicated on the application if applying for a multi-year funding commitment. The project schedule will be based on an assumed funding approval date and will factor in the necessary time to seek Council approval of an overall project funding strategy, the authorization to proceed with the project and enter into a funding agreement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement

Date: February 24, 2022

Project Name:

Application to the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund for the City of Winnipeg Archives Renovation Project

COMMENTS:

There are no direct financial implications associated with this report.

Mike McGinn Feb. 24, 2022

Mike McGinn, CPA, CA
Manager of Finance

CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with:

- City Clerks Department

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

03-3 Creativity
Direction 2: Act as a responsible steward for city-owned museums, archives and collections.
Direction 3: Support a wide range of arts and cultural facilities.
Direction 5: Foster life-long arts learning opportunities.
Direction 6: Promote awareness of the richness of Winnipeg's arts and culture within and outside Winnipeg.

WINNIPEG CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ALIGNMENT

Key Direction 5.1 – Increase Energy Performance of Existing Buildings.

WINNIPEG POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY ALIGNMENT

The information and recommendations presented in this report align with and advance the Winnipeg Poverty Reduction Strategy (2021-2031) as follows:

They embody the following Guiding Principles:

- We will Uphold Human Rights
- We will Honour Relationships and Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples

They align with the following Goal and Objectives

Goal 6: All City Services are Equitable, Inclusive and Accessible.

Related 10-year Objective

A. Residents have equitable access to City services, in particular demographic groups who experience marginalization.

SUBMITTED BY

Department: Assets and Project Management
Division: Major Capital Projects Oversight
Prepared by: D. Tooth, Acting Manager, Major Capital Projects Oversight
Date: March 3, 2022
File No: N/A

Attachments: N/A