STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION,

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS

MOTIONS

Minute No. 401
Moved by Councillor Nason,
Seconded by Councillor Klein,

WHEREAS the Red River Basin Commission (RRBC) is a not for profit organization where governments, partnering organizations, and residents work collaboratively to achieve common, basin-wide goals in water management, water quality, and water protection;

AND WHEREAS the Netley-Libau Marsh is believed to be the largest freshwater coastal wetlands in North America, acting as the kidneys for a healthy Lake Winnipeg by removing nutrients out of the Lake Winnipeg system coming from multiple sources such a sewage discharge and agricultural practices;

AND WHEREAS Lake Winnipeg is seeing major effects from eutrophication occurring in the lake such as algae blooms and fish kill, due to depleted oxygen from the dying algae;

AND WHEREAS many Winnipeg Citizens enjoy what the lake has to offer year round;

AND WHEREAS, many of our First Nations and Metis Citizens use the lake for their water, a source of food for their families and to make a livelihood by fishing;

AND WHEREAS as a result of human activity and physical alterations, the conditions of the Netley-Libau Marsh have degraded;

AND WHEREAS In 2021, the RRBC and its partners (including the City of Winnipeg) conducted a pilot project in Manitoba by using dredged river bottom material from the Red River to construct vegetation shelves within the Netley-Libau Marsh, to study the application of using this dredged material to restore selected sections of the Netley Marsh;

AND WHEREAS this process has been successful within the first phase of the project, but there is a budget shortfall in the amount of $50,000 to proceed with the second phase;

Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks – Motions (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That all required criteria of the Community Incentive Grant Program be waived in this instance, and that a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $61,000, be approved to the Red River Basin Commission to assist with the cost of the Netley-Libau Marsh Restoration project, funded from the following Community Incentive Grant ward allocations:

   A. $5,000 - Transcona Ward;
   B. $5,000 - North Kildonan Ward;
   C. $2,000 - Elmwood - East Kildonan
   D. $5,000 - Daniel McIntyre Ward;
   E. $5,000 - River Heights - Fort Garry Ward;
   F. $2,000 - Fort Rouge - East Fort Garry Ward;
   G. $5,000 - Mynarski Ward;
   H. $5,000 - Old Kildonan Ward;
   I. $5,000 - Point Douglas Ward;
   J. $5,000 - St. Norbert Ward;
   K. $5,000 - St. Vital Ward;
   L. $1,000 - St. Boniface;
   M. $1,000 - Waverley West Ward;
   N. $5,000 - St. James Ward;
   O. $5,000 - Charleswood-Tuxedo-Westwood Ward;

2. That the City enter into, execute and deliver a grant agreement with the Red River Basin Commission and such other agreements as determined necessary by the City Solicitor/Director of Legal Services to implement the intent of the foregoing;

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

The Speaker ruled automatic referral to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law.

Moved by Councillor Nason,

That Rule 16(1) of the Procedure By-law be suspended to consider the motion at this time.

Carried

Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks – Motions (continued):

The motion for the adoption of the item was put.

Councillor Allard called for the yeas and nays which were as follows:

Yea: His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Allard, Browaty, Chambers, Eadie, Gillingham, Gilroy, Klein, Lukes, Mayes, Nason, Orlikow, Rollins, Santos, Schreyer and Sharma. 16

Nay: 0

and the item was declared carried.