Minute No. 226
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Public Works – February 7, 2023

Item No. 6 **Contribution Agreement with The City of Winnipeg and Manitoba Recreational Trails Association Inc. for the Transcona Trail Extension – Reenders Drive Pathway Extension Construction Project (Transcona Ward)**

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works and adopted the following:

1. That receipt of grant funding from Manitoba Recreational Trails Association Inc. for the Transcona Trail Extension – Reenders Drive Pathway Extension Construction Project of up to $275,000 be approved.

2. That the City enter into, execute and deliver a contribution agreement with Manitoba Recreational Trails Association Inc. (the "Agreement") 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 authority be delegated to the Chief Financial Officer to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the Agreement with Manitoba Recreational Trails Association Inc. 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 2022 Capital Budget – Pedestrian and Cycling Program budget be increased by up to $275,000 with the additional expenditures being funded by the grant from Manitoba Recreational Trails Association Inc. The final budget increase will be equivalent to the grant funding earned under the terms of the agreement.

5. 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 Councillor Lukes,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 14, 2023, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 7, 2023, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Contribution Agreement with The City of Winnipeg and Manitoba Recreational Trails Association Inc. for the Transcona Trail Extension – Reenders Drive Pathway Extension Construction Project

Critical Path: Standing Policy Committee on Public Works – Executive Policy Committee – Council

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Transcona Trail Extension, including the Reenders Drive Pathway Extension Project ("Project") is an existing project within Council-approved capital budgets. The Transcona Trail Project has multiple phases including additional forecasted budgets in future years of the Pedestrian and Cycling capital program. While the Reenders Drive Pathway Extension was scheduled to be completed within existing budgets and construction contracts have been awarded, an opportunity has presented itself to enter into a third-party funding arrangement and defray a portion of project costs to other projects within the Pedestrian and Cycling program budget.

The Public Service requests approval to enter into a contribution agreement with the Manitoba Recreational Trails Association Inc. (MRTA), which would provide approximately $175,000 for this project based on current cost estimates; approval of the contribution agreement would also require the capital budget to be increased by the funding amount available under the terms of the agreement.

Incremental external funding of this Project would result in surplus active transportation funding becoming available to fund other initiatives or needs within the program. In accordance with Council direction on the Pedestrian and Cycling Program, any surplus funds are to remain within the program.

All matters in the draft contribution agreement have been agreed to in principle. The Public Services intends to apply for additional funding through the MRTA for future Pedestrian and Cycling Projects and expects that funding not earned though this agreement may be accessed through future applications.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That receipt of grant funding from Manitoba Recreational Trails Association Inc. for the Transcona Trail Extension – Reenders Drive Pathway Extension Construction Project of up to $275,000 be approved.

2. That the City enter into, execute and deliver a contribution agreement with Manitoba Recreational Trails Association Inc. (the “Agreement”) 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 authority be delegated to the Chief Financial Officer to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the Agreement with Manitoba Recreational Trails Association Inc. 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 2022 Capital Budget – Pedestrian and Cycling Program budget be increased by up to $275,000 with the additional expenditures being funded by the grant from Manitoba Recreational Trails Association Inc. The final budget increase will be equivalent to the grant funding earned under the terms of the agreement.

5. 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 for the City to receive grants and enter into the contribution agreements with the MRTA.

Council approval is also required to increase adopted capital budgets by the amounts received.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

The 2022 Capital Budget – Pedestrian and Cycling Program budget be increased by up to $275,000. The final budget increase will be equivalent to the grant funding earned under the terms of the agreement. The Transcona Trail Extension – Reenders Drive Pathway Extension Construction Project is intended to be delivered within the existing and forecast budgets regardless of the additional funding being received.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

The Transcona Trail Extension, including the Reenders Drive Pathway Extension Project ("Project") is an existing project within Council-approved capital budgets. The Reenders Drive Pathway Extension Project extends the existing multi-use path in the north boulevard of Reenders Drive from Stapon Road to Panet Road, including a connection to the Panet service road on the west side of Panet Road, and upgrades to the intersection at Reenders Drive and Lagimodiere Boulevard (see Appendix A: Reenders Drive Pathway Extension).

The Transcona Trail Project has multiple phases including additional forecasted budgets in future years of the Pedestrian and Cycling capital program. While the Reenders Drive Pathway Extension was scheduled to be completed within existing budgets and construction contracts have been awarded, an opportunity has presented itself to enter into a third-party funding arrangement and defray a portion of project costs to other projects within the Pedestrian and Cycling program budget.

The Public Service requests approval to enter into a contribution agreement with the Manitoba Recreational Trails Association Inc. (MRTA), which has made available up to $275,000 for municipal pedestrian and cycling projects. The Public Service anticipates funding of approximately $175,000 for this project based on current cost estimates; approval of the contribution agreement would also require the capital budget to be increased by the funding amount available under the terms of the agreement.

Incremental external funding of this Project would result in surplus active transportation funding becoming available to fund other initiatives or needs within the program. In accordance with Council direction on the Pedestrian and Cycling Program, any surplus funds are to remain within the program.

All matters in the draft contribution agreement have been agreed to in principle. It should be noted that the contribution agreement is conditional upon The Winnipeg Foundation duly appropriating the funds payable by the MRTA. The MRTA advised that "it is the manager of the Grant Program. The funds reside with the Winnipeg Foundation. Upon completion of the Agreement, only then are funds requested".

If approved, this will be the third City project to receive funding from the MRTA. On December 16, 2021, Council approved a total of $600,000 in grant funding for the Northwest Hydro Corridor Construction Project and North Winnipeg Parkway Active Transportation Project. To date, the Public Service has received a total of $360,000 and the remainder is anticipated to be received upon both the completion of construction and the submission of final reports to the MRTA.

The Public Services intends to apply for additional funding through the MRTA for future Pedestrian and Cycling Projects and expects that funding not earned though this agreement may be accessed through future applications.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement

Date: January 3, 2023

Project Name:

First Year of Program **2022**

Contribution Agreement with The City of Winnipeg and Manitoba Recreational Trails Association Inc. for the Transcona Trail Extension – Reenders Drive Pathway Extension

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required	$ 735,209	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs	460,209	-	-	-	-
Additional Capital Budget Required	$ 275,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Funding Sources:					
Debt - Internal		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Debt - External	-	-	-	-	-
Grants - Manitoba Recreation Trails Asso	275,000	-	-	-	-
Reserves, Equity, Surplus	-	-	-	-	-
Other -		-	-	-	-
Total Funding	$ 275,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Additional Capital Budget Required	$ 275,000				
Total Additional Debt Required	$ -				
Current Expenditures/Revenues					
Direct Costs	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery	34,640	-	-	-	-
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ (34,640)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	(34,640)	-	-	-	-
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments: Capital Expenditures Required represent the preliminary estimated cost of the Transcona Trail Reenders Drive Pathway Extension based on the full amount of the grant funding ($275,000) applied for under the Manitoba Recreational Trails Association contribution agreement. The actual budget increase may be less and will be equivalent to the funding actually received in accordance with the contribution agreement. Existing Budgeted Costs represent approved Pedestrian and Cycling program capital budget that will be allocated to this project. Incremental Revenue/Recovery represents the estimated departmental overhead charged on incremental project expenditures.

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Manager of Finance and Administration

CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with: Legal Services (as to legal issues)

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

01-1 2.5 Climate Resilient Growth Actively explore innovative approaches to city building, an integrated and sustainable transportation system and related infrastructure capacity enhancements that mitigate the impact of climate risk on infrastructure; leverage targeted densities as detailed in Complete Communities; and minimize conflict between different street functions and users.

01-2 2.9 Reduce Road Congestion Increase the efficiency, convenience and usage of the active and public transportation system, to improve air quality, provide a viable alternative to the automobile, and reduce current and future road congestion.
6.41 Inclusive Public Places Practice and enforce a high standard of urban design, that supports a sustainable quality of life and sense of place through the development of a safe, resilient, high quality, high-functioning and active transportation and transit-oriented urban environment.

Transportation Master Plan
Section 5.2 Active Transportation
Enabling strategies
n) Seek innovative and new partnerships to support AT programs and facilities

WINNIPEG CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ALIGNMENT

Strategic Opportunity #3 Advancing Sustainable Transportation 3.4 Increase Active Transportation Rates

Strategic Opportunity #3 Advancing Sustainable Transportation 3.5 Reduce Traffic Congestion

WINNIPEG POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY ALIGNMENT

N/A

SUBMITTED BY

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Division: Transportation
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Date: January 3, 2023

Attachment: Appendix A: Reenders Drive Pathway Extension

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