Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – October 17, 2023

REPORTS

Item No. 22 Update on the Economic Response and Recovery Plan (ERRP) – Projects Situated Outside Downtown

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and recommended to Council:

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2. That the Public Service be directed to report back on the matter on a semi-annual basis, with the next report to be received in the second quarter of 2024.

3. 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 Rollins,

That the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Update on the Economic Response and Recovery Plan (ERRP) – Projects Situated Outside Downtown

Critical Path: Executive Policy Committee – Council

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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- Enhancing active transportation infrastructure;
- Adding splash pads while decommissioning or converting wading pools into accessible playground structures in underserved areas of the City, and;
- Improving regional park infrastructure to accommodate social distancing measures.

The following was included in the approval:

- Turtle Island Recreation Centre community spray pad ($1.5 million)
- Regional Park Improvements at King's Park and Kilcona Park, including active transportation ($1 million); and
- Regional, Community and Neighbourhood Parks, active transportation and spray pad project investment of $7.5 million ($500,000/ward), projects to be determined by Ward Councillors working in consultation with the Public Service.

Council also directed the Public Service to provide bi-annual reports to Executive Policy Committee (EPC) and Council outlining progress on the completion of those projects. This report:

- Provides updates to Council on the implementation of the ERRP plan, approved projects to date and available funding from external parties;
- Recommends project funding consolidations; and
- Recommends that semi-annual reports on the ERRP be provided.

A separate report to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development includes a recommendation to combine reporting for all ERRP projects; both inside and outside the downtown area. If approved, ongoing reporting for all projects will be provided to EPC.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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REASON FOR THE REPORT

On April 28, 2022, Council approved projects under the COVID-19 Economic Recovery and Response Plan – Projects situated Outside of Downtown and directed the Public Service to provide bi-annual reports to EPC and Council outlining progress on the completion of the projects.

Council approval is required to consolidate and amend approved capital projects and modify reporting obligations for the ERRP Plans.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

There are no immediate implications to the Recommendations of this report.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

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Since approval, the Public Service has worked with Ward Councillors to confirm scope and cost for their identified projects. Implementation is contingent on resourcing and the market's ability

to respond to the influx of projects. While the intent of the ERRP was to have projects planned and completed within a two-year timeframe, there are projects already estimated to extend into the 2025 construction season.

Status updates on the approved projects

- Turtle Island
    - This project is for the development of a spray pad to replace the existing wading pool and is currently in the planning phase.
    - Total ERRP budget is $1,500,000
    - Project Start date was September 19, 2022
    - Estimated End date is October 31, 2024

- King's Park and Kilcona Park – Regional Park Improvements
    - This project includes the replacement of failed pathways and the installation of new connecting asphalt paths and is in the construction phase.
    - Total ERRP budget is $1,000,000
    - Project Start date was September 26, 2022
    - Estimated End date is November 11, 2023

- Ward specific project updates are contained in Appendix A. A total of $1.366 million of the $7.5 million approved in the plan remains unallocated. The Public Service will be following up with Ward Councillors on any ERRP funding that remains unallocated at the time of this project status report.

Additional Project Funding

While some projects have been completely funded through the ERRP, others require additional funding either from other City funding sources or by external funding. Appendix B sets out recommended adjustments to project funding as follows:

- Billy McCann Playground Redevelopment project requests to consolidate $48,457 in Parks and Recreation Enhancement Program (PREP) funding with the ERRP budget of $118,000 for a combined budget of $166,457;
- Fort Rouge Leisure Centre Tennis Courts project requests to consolidate $104,000 in PREP funding with the ERRP budget of $251,000 for a combined budget of $355,000;
- John Forsyth Park Fitness Equipment project requests to consolidate $250,000 in Community and Neighbourhood Parks program funding with the ERRP budget of $200,000 for a combined budget of $450,000; and
- Eaglewood Park Basketball Court project requests to consolidate $62,000 in PREP funding with the ERRP budget of $203,000 for a combined budget of $265,000.

Two projects have been successful in external funding applications:

1. The Waterfront Park Picnic Shelter project is being supplemented with $59,626 in Manitoba Building Sustainable Communities funding; and
2. The College Beliveau/Windsor Park Collegiate Running Track revitalization project is being supplemented with $300,000 in Manitoba Building Sustainable Communities funding.

A separate report will be submitted to Council for approval of these funds, related cost-sharing agreements and to consolidate with the ERRP budgets. The Public Service continues to work with external parties to confirm details including the Manitoba Building Sustainable Communities program requirement of a minimum non-government contribution of 10 per cent. Several other projects are contingent on external funding applications and if successful will be included in a separate report for Council approval.

Future Reporting

A report submitted to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development (SPC PD) includes a recommendation to combine reporting for all ERRP projects; both inside and outside the downtown area. Currently, projects located inside downtown fall under the authority of the SPC PD and projects outside of the downtown fall under the authority of EPC.

If the recommendations of that report are approved, ongoing reporting for all projects will be consolidated into a single semi-annual report to EPC.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement

Date: September 6, 2023

Project Name:

Update on the Economic Response and Recovery Plan (ERRP) – Projects Situated Outside Downtown

COMMENTS:

There are no direct financial implications associated with this report.

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CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with:

- Office of the CAO - Economic Development and Policy
- Planning, Property and Development
- Public Works

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

Goal: Economic Prosperity
Policy3.16 Optimize Facility Access. Maximize the use of existing municipal assets to promote recreation, community development, and social interaction, while optimizing equitable access, infrastructure reinvestments, service delivery methods and resource management.

Goal: Good Health and Well Being
Policy4.9 Inclusive Public Places. Provide and promote the amenities, and the design and maintenance standards, necessary to ensure accessible, safe and sanitary conditions in gathering spaces frequented by the public.

WINNIPEG CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ALIGNMENT

Community Climate Resiliency 7.3. Preserve and Manage Parks and Natural Areas to Support Climate Change Mitigation

WINNIPEG POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY ALIGNMENT

Poverty Reduction Strategy Implementation Plan Goal 6 (15) - Ensure parks and open spaces are designed, managed, and operated using equity-based principles, ensuring that all are made to feel welcome and that these public spaces serve the diverse needs of community members.

SUBMITTED BY

Department: Assets and Project Management
Division: Major Capital Projects Oversight
Prepared by: D. Tooth
Date: September 14, 2023
File No: n/a

Attachments:
Appendix A: Ward Projects
Appendix B: Project Consolidations