Riverbank Stability Characterization Study of City-owned Riverbanks
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9. On May 18, 2000, the Riverbank Management Committee received as information the Riverbank Stability Characterization Study for City-owned Riverbanks dated May 2000, and forwarded the Study to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development for consideration.

On May 18, 2000, the Riverbank Management Committee also passed the following resolution, namely:

WHEREAS the mandate of the Riverbank Management Committee includes the responsibility to promote river related capital projects and programs in both the five-year capital works program and annual budgets;

WHEREAS Council has established a five-year capital program namely, the Riverbank Stabilization of City-owned Riverbanks Capital Works Program;

AND WHEREAS the Riverbank Stability Characterization Study for City-owned Riverbanks prepared by the Waterways Section, Planning, Property and Development Department has been completed and identifies stability conditions of 108 kilometres of City-owned riverbank property including those areas requiring immediate attention in respect to the maintenance of this valuable natural asset;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

A. That funding currently allocated in the Riverbank Stabilization of City-owned Riverbanks Capital Works Program be directed towards the stabilization of the twelve (12) first phase priority riverbank sites as identified in the report;

B. That as the current funding allocation and five-year capital works plan forecasts severely restrict the implementation of effective stabilization works of these twelve (12) sites over a reasonable time period, that the Planning, Property and Development Department in its review of the preliminary 2001 Annual Capital Estimates and 2002-2006 Five-Year Capital Forecast incorporate funding in the order of $2,000,000.00 per annum within the Riverbank Stabilization of City-owned Riverbanks Capital Works Program to effect implementation of riverbank stabilization at these twelve (12) sites over the next six years;

C. That the Riverbank Stabilization of City-owned Riverbank Capital Works Program allocate an annual portion of 2% or $40,000.00 (minimum) of the adopted budget for the ongoing monitoring of riverbank stability conditions for purposes of detection of further changes in riverbank conditions as may impact upon existing prioritization;

D. That any adjustments to the priority stabilization ratings identified in the Waterways Report as a result of the monitoring program identified in Resolution C. be reported back to the Riverbank Management Committee for its review;

E. That the Administration continue to pursue partnerships with the other levels of Government and with community organizations in respect to opportunities for effective protection of the City's riverbanks for the common benefit of all its citizens;

F. That the Administration be directed to investigate an implementation strategy for creek bank stabilization in partnership with other interests such as the community stewardship groups and other property owners; said strategy to incorporate opportunities for the application of bioengineering stabilization techniques;

G. That securance of low level aerial photography be scheduled for 2001 with funding contributions from budgets within Civic Departments who have responsibilities for administering maintenance of riverbank property.

On May 30, 2000, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development concurred, in principle, in the foregoing resolution of the Riverbank Management Committee, and submitted the matter to Council for consideration. The Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development also recommended that the matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues for financial and funding considerations.

On June 15, 2000, the Executive Policy Committee laid over the matter and referred the Clause to its Preliminary 2001 Annual Capital Estimates and the 2002-2006 Five Year Capital Forecast deliberations.

On February 21, 2001, the Executive Policy Committee during its consideration of the 2001 Annual Capital Estimates and the 2002-2006 Five-Year Capital Forecast, referred back Clause 9 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development dated May 30, 2000.

Pursuant thereto, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development again considered this matter on March 6, 2001, and now recommends:

I. That the matter be referred to Executive Policy Committee with a request that the Administration prepare an intergovernmental strategy with the intent of stabilizing City-owned riverbanks, and identifying the most critical riverbank areas to be repaired.

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

On April 25, 2001, Council, in accordance with Section 61.5 of the Procedure By-law, granted an additional extension of time of 120 days to allow the Administration to review and develop an Intergovernmental Policy.

On September 26, 2001, Council, in accordance with Section 61.5 of the Procedure By-law, granted an additional 120 day extension of time be granted for further deliberation.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends that Clause 9 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development dated May 30, 2000, be filed, inasmuch as the matter has been referred to the Secretary of Intergovernmental Affairs for consultation with the Province of Manitoba.

Councillor Thomas asked to be recorded as having voted against the above motion, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.