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Minute No. 236
Report – Executive Policy Committee – April 16, 2024

Item No. 4 **Land Dedication Reserve – City of Winnipeg Parks and Open Space Division (Urban Forestry Branch) – Tree Planting on Lee Boulevard in Waverley West**
(Waverley West Ward)

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That the following eligibility criteria for the Land Dedication Reserve Fund be waived in this instance, namely:

    A. Funds may be utilized for:

        i. the acquisition of land for parks or recreation facilities;

        ii. the development of properties for parks and recreation purposes including such ancillary equipment and structures as may be necessary to that development;

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2. That funding in the amount of $9,000.00, from the Assiniboia Land Dedication Reserve (Waverley West Ward allocation), be approved to the City of Winnipeg Parks and Open Space Division (Urban Forestry Branch) to assist with the cost of the Tree Planting on Lee Boulevard in Waverley West Project project, subject to the following condition:

    A. Approval of final plans and specifications for the project by the City of Winnipeg.

3. 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 His Worship Mayor Gillingham,

That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 16, 2024, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Assiniboia Community Committee and submitted the matter to Council.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 5, 2024, the Assiniboia Community Committee did not concur in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and recommended to the Executive Policy Committee:

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Land Dedication Reserve Fund – City of Winnipeg Parks and Open Space Division (Urban Forestry Branch) – Tree Planting on Lee Boulevard in Waverley West

Critical Path: Assiniboia Community Committee

AUTHORIZATION

Author	Department Head	CFO	CAO
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The project does not meet Land Dedication Reserve Criteria. Waiving of Council-adopted Land Dedication Reserve Criteria by Council would be required in order to allow the described project to proceed.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the application, in the amount of $9,000.00, from the Assiniboia Community Committee (Waverley West Ward allocation), to assist the City of Winnipeg Parks and Open Space Division (Urban Forestry Branch) with the Tree Planting on Lee Boulevard in Waverley West Project be denied as boulevard tree plantings do not meet Council-adopted Land Dedication Reserve Criteria, specifically criteria #1.

REASON FOR THE REPORT

Community Committee's approval is required on all Land Dedication Reserve Funding applications.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Public Service has reviewed the subject application and has determined that it does not meet Council adopted Land Dedication Reserve Fund criteria.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

On April 23, 2008, Council adopted a consolidated policy related to the Land Dedication Reserve Fund (LDRF), including a requirement that all requests for funding from the LDRF be referred to the Director of the Planning, Property and Development Department (the Fund Manager) for an evaluation report to be submitted before final consideration of the project.

In addition, Council approved amended criteria for the LDRF as follows:

Council Adopted Land Dedication Reserve Criteria

1. Funds may be utilized for:
   a) the acquisition of land for parks or recreation facilities;
   b) the development of properties for parks and recreation purposes including such ancillary equipment and structures as may be necessary to that development;
   c) the construction or renovation of recreation facilities on parks and recreation properties.

2. The expenditures of Reserve funds will be limited by the following exclusions for use.

   Specifically, funds will not be utilized for:
   a) Salaries related to the regular operation of the City's services;
   b) Operating materials and supplies;
   c) Regular maintenance of parks and recreation facilities or equipment;
   d) Acquisition of equipment not directly related to the development or renovation of parks properties;
   e) Property management costs including utilities, taxes, and other related costs.

3. The use of funds will result in the creation or continuation of a physical legacy of parks and recreation facilities for the City of Winnipeg.

4. The expenditure of funds will be contingent upon the existence of the resources necessary for the ongoing operation, maintenance and support of any parks or recreation facilities which are developed or renovated through the use of Land Dedication Reserve.

CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with: n/a

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

Land Dedication Reserve Fund projects promote and enable recreation opportunities by contributing to the continuation of a physical legacy of parks and recreation facilities for the City of Winnipeg.

WINNIPEG CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ALIGNMENT

Through the development or renovation of parks and recreation facilities in the City of Winnipeg, projects funded by the Land Dedication Reserve Fund help to achieve a wide range of Climate Action Plan goals including mitigating the impacts of climate change; contributing to complete communities thereby revitalizing the livability of all communities throughout Winnipeg; enhancing connectivity of greenspaces and parks thus promoting more sustainable means of transportation; developing public education and awareness; and enriching indigenous relationships.

WINNIPEG POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY ALIGNMENT

N/A

SUBMITTED BY

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Division: Urban Planning and Design Division
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Date: March 27, 2024

Attachments:

Land Dedication Reserve Fund Evaluation

Land Dedication Reserve Fund Application