Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – June 18, 2024

REPORTS

Item No. 5 Update Report No. 2 on the Economic Response and Recovery Plan (ERRP) Projects Situated Inside and Outside Downtown

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. That the project funding consolidation for the Air Canada Park project, as outlined in Appendix C of this report, be approved and that the adopted capital budgets be amended as required.

2. 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 Browaty,

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

Carried

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Update Report No. 2 on the Economic Response and Recovery Plan (ERRP) Projects Situated Inside and Outside Downtown

Critical Path: Executive Policy Committee - Council

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is the second update on the COVID-19 Economic Response and Recovery Plan (ERRP) outlining progress towards completion of projects and combines the reporting on both the inside and outside downtown projects, as approved by Council on October 26, 2023.

Inside Downtown
To date, one project under the program has been completed, seven projects are in the planning phase and three projects are in construction. Of the remaining ten projects, five are expected to be completed in 2024 and five in 2025.

The bid opportunity for Air Canada Park closed in March 2024 and bids also exceeded the approved budget of $2.543 million. The Public Service has identified additional funding of $492,000 and requests approval to consolidate the funding.

Outside Downtown
To date, under the program, nine projects have been completed, twenty-two are in the planning phase and eight are in construction. Of the remaining thirty projects, twenty are expected to be completed in 2024 and ten in 2025. All ERRP funds have been allocated to eligible projects.

While the original intent was to have projects completed over a two-year period, construction on some are extending into the 2025 construction season. This is attributable to delays in project scope being determined/finalized, available resources to deliver the projects as well third-party funding agreements adding project complexity.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the project funding consolidation for the Air Canada Park project, as outlined in Appendix C of this report, be approved and that the adopted capital budgets be amended as required.

2. 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

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. On October 26, 2023, Council approved combining reporting on both the Inside and Outside Downtown COVID-19 Economic Recovery and Response Plans.

Council approval is required to amend approved capital projects.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

The 2022 capital budget for Air Canada Park (Project #1263001222) will be increased by $492,000. The recommended funding sources for these expenditures is the reallocation of existing, approved capital funding.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

Inside Downtown

On April 28, 2022, Council approved the COVID-19 Economic Response and Recovery Plan projects which included a $10 million investment in the Downtown Recovery Strategy. The Plan supports the Downtown Recovery Strategy, a three-year action plan developed by downtown stakeholder organizations with input from community members to support recovery from the COVID-19 global pandemic. Ten projects were chosen:

A. Main Street Amenity Plan - $600,000
B. Air Canada Park - $2,500,000
C. Broadway Renewal - $600,000
D. Market Lands Public Realm - $2,500,000
E. Sidewalk Renewals - $1,800,000
F. SHED Exchange Gateway - $600,000
G. Central Park Enhancements - $300,000
H. Alexander Docks Area - $600,000
I. Downtown Wayfinding - $300,000
J. Downtown Secondary Plan-$200,000

On October 26, 2023, Council received an update on the ten projects and approved changes to the initial plan. The list below reflects the approved changes.

A. Main Street Amenity Plan - $600,000
B. Air Canada Park - $2,543,000
C. Broadway Renewal - $600,000
D. Market Lands Public Realm - $2,500,000
E. Sidewalk Renewals - $1,151,000
F. SHED Exchange Gateway - $1,200,000
G. Central Park Enhancements - $300,000
H. Alexander Docks Area - $600,000

I. Stephen Juba Fitness Trail - $300,000
J. Downtown Secondary Plan-$200,000

On May 30, 2024, Council approved an increase of $47,353 to the Market Lands Public Realm project budget, funded by a contribution from Market Lands Inc.

Project updates are contained in Appendix A and the following is a short summary of the progress on each of the approved projects:

A. Main Street Amenity Plan - $600,000
Planned Construction - May 2024
Brock McIlroy has been hired to design the landscape surrounding the public washrooms located at Thunderbird House. Extensive community consultation finished during the winter of 2023 led by the Downtown Winnipeg BIZ, and construction will begin this May. A pre-construction meeting has already taken place, and before the construction begins there is expected to be a feast and ceremony under the guidance of Thunderbird House and supported by the Downtown BIZ.

B. Air Canada Park - $2,500,000
Planned Construction – Summer 2024
A bid opportunity closed in March 2024 and the bids came in over budget. The budget increases are required in order to award the bid opportunity. Forestry has identified a funding source ($317,000) for the trees that require silva cells, and the additional funds ($175,000) from Downtown Enhancement are required should there be any unexpected change orders.

C. Broadway Renewal - $600,000
Planned Construction - 2025
The Public Service is working with HTFC Planning and Design to design updated seating nodes along Broadway. Additionally, $150,000 has been awarded to the Winnipeg Arts Council for a Winnipeg 150 public art project located on the Broadway median. Construction will not begin until 2025, since Broadway will still be under road construction in the summer of 2024 on its North side.

D. Market Lands Public Realm - $2,547,353
Planned Construction – 2024
The Bid Opportunity closed in March 2024. Unfortunately, the bids for this project also came in over budget. Market Lands Inc. provided the City with the $47,353 in additional funds required to award the contract and Council approved, on May 30, 2024, an equivalent increase to the Project budget. Market Lands Inc. have agreed to pay for any additional construction change orders that may occur during the construction.

E. Sidewalk Renewals - $1,151,000
Planned Construction – Summer 2024
Streetscaping improvements along Galt were completed last summer. A second phase of the project which includes a small seating area across from Oseredok Ukrainian Cultural Centre, and a Heritage Interpretation piece at Galt and Waterfront will be completed this summer.

A separate project saw pedestrian lights added outside Little Brown Jug on William Avenue last fall as well.

F. SHED/Exchange Gateway - $1,200,000
Planned Construction – Fall 2024
Scatliff+Miller+Murray were hired by TrueNorth to design the Odeon Park in front of the Burton Cummings Theatre. The project is in its detailed design stage and will also include $150,000 for public art on the site.

G. Central Park - $300,000
Planned Construction – 2024
The bid opportunity for this project was awarded in the spring of 2024, and construction is expected to begin in late spring/early summer. The project includes an accessible ramp down to the field, additional trees, a bottle fill station and nets for soccer and volleyball.

Alexander Docks - $600,000
An engineering firm was hired this winter to assess the structural integrity of the dock, and a report is expected to be finalized in late spring. The results will help provide design direction to the Forks and the Public Service for the next steps of the project.

Stephen Juba Fitness Trail - $300,000
Planned Construction – Fall 2024
The design of the first node for the fitness trail is currently underway. The consultant has been working closely with Sports Manitoba and the Exchange BIZ to ensure that the first node meets their needs. The Bid Opportunity is expected to be posted in summer 2024.

Downtown Secondary Plan - $200,000
Planned Completion – 2024
A second round of community engagement occurred in the fall of 2023. Final completion of CentrePlan 2050 will be in the summer of 2024.

Outside Downtown

On April 28, 2022, Council approved the COVID-19 Economic Response and Recovery Plan (ERRP) projects which included a $10 million investment for projects situated outside of the downtown. The Plan indicates that projects situated outside of the downtown are to be focused on:

- 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.

While the original intent was to have projects completed over a two-year period, construction on some are extending into the 2025 construction season. This is attributable to delays in project scope being determined/finalized, available resources to deliver the projects as well as third-party funding agreements adding project complexity.

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 construction 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 included the replacement of failed pathways and the installation of new connecting asphalt paths and was completed on November 11, 2023.
    - Total ERRP budget is $1,000,000

- Ward-specific project updates are contained in Appendix B. All ERRP funds have been allocated to eligible projects.
    - Five projects were previously reported as completed in first update report:
        - Fountainview Park Play Structure (St. Vital)
        - Art McOuat Baseball Backstops (St. Boniface)
        - Corbett & Bernadine Crescent Park Playground Redevelopments (St. James)
        - Kildonan Meadows Park Redevelopment (Transcona)
        - Kern Park Playground Renewal (Transcona)
    - Three projects have been completed since last update report:
        - Hiddleston Park Playground Renovation (Old Kildonan)
        - Corydon Community Centre (Crescentwood Site) Play Structure Replacement (River Heights)
        - Fort Garry Community Centre (Victoria Site) Preliminary Design and Public Consultation (River Heights)
    - Twenty-two projects are in the planning phase and seven are in construction. Of these twenty-nine projects, nineteen are expected to be completed in 2024 and the remaining ten in 2025.

<u>Surplus Funding</u>

Recommendation 4 from the April 28, 2022, report provided the following:

> *"That subsequent to completion of the projects in Recommendation 1.C., any unspent CCBF funds from these projects be used to support other eligible projects within the respective wards, to be determined by Council."*

As surpluses are realized, the Public Service will account for these and the remaining balance will be reported back to Council in future status reports.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement

Date: May 30, 2024

Project Name:

First Year of Program **2024**

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	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required	$ 5,582,353	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs	5,090,353	-	-	-	-
Additional Capital Budget Required	$ 492,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Funding Sources:					
Debt - Internal	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Debt - External	-	-	-	-	-
Grants (MB Strategic Infrastructure Funding $175,000 + $317,000 Natural Resources Canada)	492,000	-	-	-	-
Reserves, Equity, Surplus	-	-	-	-	-
Other - (Enter Description Here)	-	-	-	-	-
	$ 492,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Additional Capital Budget Required	$ 492,000				
Total Additional Debt Required	$ -				
Current Expenditures/Revenues					
Direct Costs	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery	-	-	-	-	-
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	-	-	-	-	-
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments: Capital expenditures consist of total anticipated expenditures for Air Canada Park while existing budgeted costs represent the current approved budget for the project. The additional capital budget required of $492,000 is to be funded by consolidating $492,000 of existing approved budgets. No incremental City funding is required.

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CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with:

Community Services
Legal Services
Planning, Property and Development
Public Works

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

Economic Prosperity - 3.16 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.

Good Health and Well Being - 4.9 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: May 30, 2024

Attachments: