Minutes – Council – December 12, 2024

Minute No. 52
Report – Executive Policy Committee – December 4, 2024

Item No. 4 **Update Report No. 3 on the Economic Response and Recovery Plan (ERRP) Projects Situated Inside and Outside Downtown**

COUNCIL DECISION:

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

1. That this report be received as information.

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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

Councillors Allard, Gilroy and Orlikow were absent for the vote on the above motion.

David Grant submitted a communication with respect to the matter.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On December 4, 2024, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the matter to Council.

David Grant submitted a communication in opposition to the matter.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On October 26, 2023, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, which included the following recommendation:

4. That the Public Service be directed to combine reporting on both the Inside and Outside Downtown COVID-19 Economic Response and Recovery Plans on a semi-annual basis to the Executive Policy Committee, with the next report to be provided in 2024 Q2.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Update Report No. 3 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 third 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, four projects under the program have been completed, five projects are in the planning phase and three projects are in construction.

Outside Downtown
To date, under the program, eighteen projects have been completed, eight are in the planning phase and sixteen are in construction.

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

That this report be received as information.

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.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

There are no immediate implications associated with this report as it is to be received as information.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

Inside Downtown

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
Project Completed October 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, with construction beginning in May 2024.

B. Air Canada Park - $3,035,000
Planned Construction – Summer 2024 Start (Construction ongoing)
A bid opportunity closed in March 2024, and has been awarded.

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 (Construction ongoing)
The Bid Opportunity closed in March 2024. Unfortunately, the bids for this project came in over budget. Market Lands Inc. have agreed to provide the City with the additional funds required to award the report, and have agreed to pay for any additional construction change orders that may occur during the construction.

E. Sidewalk Renewals - $1,157,000
Planned Construction – Summer 2024 (Construction ongoing)
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 also saw pedestrian lights added on William Avenue last fall.

F. SHED/Exchange Gateway - $1,200,000
Planned Construction – 2025
Scatliff+Miller+Murray were hired by TrueNorth to design the Odeon Park in front of 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 – Phase 1 Complete
The bid opportunity for this project was awarded in the spring of 2024, with construction occurring in Summer 2024. The project includes an accessible ramp down to the field, additional trees, a bottle fill station and nets for soccer and volleyball. Remaining funds will be used to resurface a play area near the spray pad, and install an additional drinking fountain. Phase 2 of the project will be completed in 2025.

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 2025
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.

Downtown Secondary Plan - $200,000
Project Completed September 2024
A second round of community engagement occurred in the fall of 2023. Final completion of CentrePlan 2050 occurred in the Fall 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.

Surplus Funding

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: October 15, 2024

Project Name:

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COMMENTS:

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Mike McGinn Oct. 15, 2024

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CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with:

- Community 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

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Attachments: