Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – January 21, 2025

REPORTS

Item No. 13 Process Improvements – Community Centre Renovation Grant Program

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service:

1. That the Public Service be granted an extension of time of up to 90 days to report back on streamlining and reducing the red tape associated with the Community Centre Renovation Grants for community centres, clarification on the definition of joint procurement and additional FTEs.

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 Santos,

That the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service be concurred in.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 9, 2024, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation and granted an extension of time of 150 days for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on streamlining and reducing the red tape associated with the Community Centre Renovation Grants for community centres, clarification on the definition of joint procurement and additional FTEs.

On March 12, 2024, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the City Centre Community Committee with the following amendments:

- In Recommendation 1, delete the words “verbal report” and replace with “an interim verbal report at the April 16, 2024 meeting of the Executive Policy Committee and a written report in 120 days” and delete the word “considering” and replace with “clarification on the definition of”

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 23, 2024, the City Centre Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the well-being of volunteers, and voluntary boards are vital to maintaining a healthy recreation system and maintaining city community centres in the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS Council has directed the doubling up of the Community Centre Renovation Grant to fund necessary building envelope repairs and to maintain community centre amenities;

AND WHEREAS long intervals between being funded, receiving funding, and expending funding can result in escalation in costs from contractors;

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

AND WHEREAS the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centre Boards in District 1 have been applying and receiving grants from the City of Winnipeg but are experiencing barriers and slow response times from the City of Winnipeg, impacting their scope of work and/or their ability to pay;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Centre Community Committee recommends the following to the Executive Policy Committee:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to provide a verbal report back on streamlining and reducing the red tape associated with the Community Centre Renovation Grants for community centres, considering joint procurement, and additional FTE's.

NOTICE OF EXTENSION REQUEST

Title: Process Improvements: Community Centre Renovation Grant Program

Critical Path: Executive Policy Committee – Council

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RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Public Service be granted an extension of up to 90 days to report back on the matter.

REASON FOR THE EXTENSION

A full review of the Community Centre Renovation Grant Program (CCRGP), including an assessment and development of potential changes to the program, continues to require additional time to complete. This work will include, but is not limited to, process mapping of the existing CCRGP grant workflow, identifying and assessing impacts to proposed improvements, targeted consultations with internal departments, elected officials, and the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres, as well as the review and updating of the existing CCRGP by-law.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the City Centre Community Committee, as amended, and directed the following:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to provide an interim verbal report at the April 16, 2024 meeting of the Executive Policy Committee and a written report in 120 days on streamlining and reducing the red tape associated with the Community Centre Renovation Grants for community centres, clarification on the definition of joint procurement and additional FTEs.

On July 9, 2024, the Executive Policy Committee supported a request from the Public Service extension of 150 days.