Minutes – Council – January 30, 2025

Minute No. 118
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Public Works – January 9, 2025

Item No. 3 Contribution Agreement with The City of Winnipeg and Manitoba Recreational Trails Association Inc. for the Northwest Hydro Corridor Phase Two Construction Project

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works and adopted the following:

1. That the receipt of grant funding of up to $330,041.00 from Manitoba Recreational Trails Association Inc. for the Northwest Hydro Corridor Phase Two Construction Project be approved.

2. That the City enter into, execute and deliver a contribution agreement with Manitoba Recreational Trails Association Inc. (the "Agreement") and such other agreements as determined necessary by the City Solicitor / Director of Legal Services to implement the intent of the foregoing (the "Ancillary Agreements").

3. That authority be delegated to the Chief Financial Officer to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the Agreement with Manitoba Recreational Trails Association Inc. and the Ancillary Agreements, in accordance with this report and such other terms and conditions deemed necessary by the City Solicitor / Director of Legal Services to protect the interests of the City.

4. That the 2023 Capital Budget – Pedestrian and Cycling Program - Northwest Hydro Corridor – Phase 2 (project # 1832200323) budget be increased by up to $330,041.00 with the additional expenditures being funded by the grant from Manitoba Recreational Trails Association Inc. The final budget increase will be equivalent to the grant funding earned under the terms of the agreement.

5. 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 Councillor Lukes,
That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works be adopted by consent.

Carried

Councillor Orlikow was absent for the vote on the above motion.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 21, 2025, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 9, 2025, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Contribution Agreement with The City of Winnipeg and Manitoba Recreational Trails Association Inc. for the Northwest Hydro Corridor Phase Two Construction Project

Critical Path: Standing Policy Committee on Public Works – Executive Policy Committee – Council

AUTHORIZATION

Author	Department Head	CFO	CAO
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Northwest Hydro Corridor Phase Two Construction ("Project") is an existing project within Council-approved capital budgets. The Project will extend a multi-use path built in the Northwest Hydro Corridor between Leila Avenue and Church Avenue in 2022 and 2023. Phase Two of the Project will extend the path. It will run from Church Avenue to Selkirk Avenue in the south, and from Leila Avenue to Daylan Marshall Gate Park in the north.

The Public Service requests approval to enter into a contribution agreement with the Manitoba Recreational Trails Association Inc. (MRTA), which would provide up to $330,041.00 for this project based on current cost estimates. Approving the contribution agreement would also require increasing the capital budget by the funding amount available under the terms of the agreement.

All matters in the draft contribution agreement have been agreed to in principle. At the time of this report this represents the final year and final grant in this program. It should be noted that the contribution agreement is conditional. It depends on The Winnipeg Foundation properly appropriating the funds payable by MRTA. MRTA advised that "it is the manager of the Grant Program. The funds reside with the Winnipeg Foundation. Upon completion of the Agreement, only then are funds requested."

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the receipt of grant funding of up to $330,041.00 from Manitoba Recreational Trails Association Inc. for the Northwest Hydro Corridor Phase Two Construction Project be approved.

2. That the City enter into, execute and deliver a contribution agreement with Manitoba Recreational Trails Association Inc. (the "Agreement") and such other agreements as

determined necessary by the City Solicitor / Director of Legal Services to implement the intent of the foregoing (the “Ancillary Agreements”).

3. That authority be delegated to the Chief Financial Officer to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the Agreement with Manitoba Recreational Trails Association Inc. and the Ancillary Agreements, in accordance with this report and such other terms and conditions deemed necessary by the City Solicitor / Director of Legal Services to protect the interests of the City.

4. That the 2023 Capital Budget – Pedestrian and Cycling Program - Northwest Hydro Corridor – Phase 2 (project # 1832200323) budget be increased by up to $330,041.00 with the additional expenditures being funded by the grant from Manitoba Recreational Trails Association Inc. The final budget increase will be equivalent to the grant funding earned under the terms of the agreement.

5. 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

Council approval is required for the City to receive grants and enter into the contribution agreements with the MRTA.

Council approval is also required to increase adopted capital budgets by the amounts received.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

The 2023 Capital Budget – Pedestrian and Cycling Program - Northwest Hydro Corridor – Phase Two (project # 1832200323) budget will be increased by up to $330,041.00. The final budget increase will be equivalent to the grant funding earned under the terms of the agreement. The Northwest Hydro Corridor Phase Two Church Ave to Casino Construction Project is intended to be delivered within the existing and forecast budgets regardless of the additional funding being received.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

The Northwest Hydro Corridor Phase Two Construction Project (“Project”) is an existing project within Council-approved capital budgets. The Project will extend a multi-use path that was constructed in the Northwest Hydro Corridor between Leila Avenue and Church Avenue in 2022 and 2023. Phase Two of the Project will extend the path from Church Avenue to Selkirk Avenue in the south and from Leila Avenue to Daylan Marshall Gate Park in the north.

The Public Service requests approval to enter into a contribution agreement with the Manitoba Recreational Trails Association Inc. (MRTA), which has made available up to $330,041.00 for municipal pedestrian and cycling projects. The Public Service anticipates funding of approximately $330,041.00 for this project based on current cost estimates; approval of the contribution agreement would also require the capital budget to be increased by the funding amount available under the terms of the agreement.

All matters in the draft contribution agreement have been agreed to in principle. It should be noted that the contribution agreement is conditional upon The Winnipeg Foundation duly appropriating the funds payable by the MRTA. The MRTA advised that “it is the manager of the Grant Program. The funds reside with the Winnipeg Foundation. Upon completion of the Agreement, only then are funds requested.”

If approved, this will be the fifth City project to receive funding from the MRTA. To Date the City of Winnipeg has received $842,664 from Manitoba Recreational Trails Association to construct Multi-use Pathways in the City of Winnipeg. These have included $450,000 to build Phase 1 of the North West Hydro Corridor, $140,230 for the North Winnipeg Parkway, $201,325 to extend the Transcona Trail – Reenders Pathway, and $51,109 towards the Berry Street to Richardson Airport pathway.

At the time of this report, the Public Service understands this is the final grant in this grant program. This explains the unrounded grant award of $330,041.00.

Summary of Project Funding

In the 2023 Capital budget, Council adopted $1.143 million for the Northwest Hydro Corridor – Phase Two project (project # 1832200323). In the 2024 Capital budget an additional $0.6 million was adopted for this project, resulting in an Adopted Budget of $1.743 million.

In June 2023, the Director of Public Works identified $338,700 as being surplus in this project and used the surplus to create the Refinery District Pathway project (project #1832200523). For clarity, the current budget in the Northwest Hydro Corridor – Phase Two project is $1.404 million.

At the time of report, the Refinery District Pathway project is substantially complete and has expended $336,570, leaving an available balance in the project of $2,130. As at October 31, 2024, no expenditures have been incurred on the Northwest Hydro Corridor – Phase Two project.

Approval of this report will increase the budget in the Northwest Hydro Corridor – Phase Two project by $330,041, resulting in an Amended Budget of $1,734,341, which is only slightly less ($8,659) than the amounts originally adopted by Council.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement **Date:** November 20, 2024

Project Name: **First Year of Program** **2025**

Contribution Agreement with The City of Winnipeg and Manitoba Recreational Trails Association Inc. for the Northwest Hydro Corridor Phase Two Construction Project

	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required	$ 1,734,341	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs	1,404,300	-	-	-	-
Additional Capital Budget Required	$ 330,041	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Funding Sources:					
Debt - Internal	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Debt - External	-	-	-	-	-
Grants - MB Recreational Trails Association	330,041	-	-	-	-
Reserves, Equity, Surplus	-	-	-	-	-
Other - Enter Description Here	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funding	$ 330,041	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Additional Capital Budget Required	$ 330,041				
Total Additional Debt Required	$ -				
Current Expenditures/Revenues					
Direct Costs	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery	52,070	-	-	-	-
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ (52,070)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	(52,070)	-	-	-	-
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments: The total estimated capital costs ($1,734,341) are representative of the Active Transportation capital budgets allocated for the North West Hydro Corridor Phase Two Construction Project (1832200323). The Manitoba Recreational Trails Association contribution agreement will contribute up to $330,041 towards funding eligible costs incurred for construction. Actual budget increases will be equivalent to the funding received in accordance with the contribution agreements. Incremental Revenue/Recovery represents the estimated departmental overhead charged on incremental project expenditures.

J. Ruby, 2024-11-27

Manager of Finance and Administration
J. Ruby CPA, CA

CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with: Legal Services

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

Goal: Environmental Resilience
2.1 Climate Action Targets - Meet and exceed greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets of 20 percent by 2030, relative to 2011, and net zero by 2050, by working towards partnerships with the community, businesses, and government bodies including Indigenous, Federal and Provincial governments.

Goal: Economic Prosperity
3.17 Sustainable Transportation Connectivity - Prioritize enhancements to the integrated and sustainable transportation system that improve its viability and access to places such as educational institutions, employment opportunities, recreation and library facilities, providers of essential goods and services and health providers, especially for children, and for neighbourhoods most impacted by poverty.

Goal: Good Health and Well-Being
4.10 Transportation Safety - Design, construct, maintain, and regulate an integrated and sustainable transportation system and related infrastructure that optimize safe, connected and reliable mobility, and minimize severe injuries and fatalities for all road users.

Transportation Master Plan
Section 5.2 Active Transportation
Enabling strategies
n) Seek innovative and new partnerships to support AT programs and facilities

WINNIPEG CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ALIGNMENT

Strategic Opportunity #3 Advancing Sustainable Transportation
3.4 Increase Active Transportation Rates
3.5 Reduce Traffic Congestion

WINNIPEG POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY ALIGNMENT

Action #1 Adopt a poverty reduction approach to service delivery

Action #2 Use poverty data to inform decision making

SUBMITTED BY

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Division: Transportation
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Date: November 27, 2024