Minutes – Council – February 27, 2025

Minute No. 170
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Community Services – February 5, 2025

Item No. 1 Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services and adopted the following:

1. That grant funding of up to $21,203.50 from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation of Canada be approved for the purchase of equipment for the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service Public Education Branch.

2. That the City enter into, execute and deliver a Contribution Agreement with Firehouse Subs Foundation of Canada, 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. The authority be delegated to the Chief Financial Officer to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the Contribution Agreement with Firehouse Subs Foundation of Canada, the Ancillary Agreements, 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 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 Allard,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services be adopted by consent.

Carried

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

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 18, 2025, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 5, 2025, the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant

Critical Path: Standing Policy Committee on Community Services – Executive Policy Committee - Council

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service (WFPS) Community Risk Reduction Branch applied to the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation of Canada for a grant to purchase two kitchen hazard simulators and accessories. This equipment will be a valuable tool for the Public Education team in supporting fire safety messaging in the community. Kitchen fires are one of the most common causes of house fires, but also one of the easier to prevent from spreading using good fire safety knowledge.

In November, WFPS was informed they were successful in their application and were eligible for $21,203.50 for the purchase of two kitchen hazard simulators and accessories. WFPS is seeking Council approval to receive this grant funding.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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4. 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 to approve the grant funding and enter into the Contribution Agreement with Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation of Canada.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

WFPS Public Education Branch will be able to receive the grant and purchase two kitchen hazard simulators and accessories. This will allow for increased public education opportunities, including when presenting to children and newcomers.

There are no implications to existing WFPS operating or capital budgets as the grant funding will cover the cost of the equipment, including delivery and taxes, in full.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Canada provides funding, resources and support to local first responder and public safety organizations through a grant program. In August 2024, the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service (WFPS) applied to the grant program to fund the purchase of kitchen hazard simulators for the WFPS Public Education Branch. In November 2024, WFPS was notified that they were the successful applicant of a grant in the amount of $21,203.50 to cover the purchase of two kitchen simulators.

This equipment will be a valuable tool for the Public Education team in supporting fire safety messaging in the community. Kitchen fires are one of the most common causes of house fires, but also one of the easier to mitigate from spreading using good fire safety knowledge. Ensuring residents are empowered with knowledge and practical experience from trying techniques in the demo kitchen can help mitigate these fires in the community.

The kitchen hazard simulators are easily transportable and simulate fires on the stove top, in the oven and a toaster. Participants are shown the steps to take for these types of fire and then given the chance to practice them. WFPS has similar equipment in the Fire Safety trailers that visit daycares, schools and community events during the summer and has seen great success in the hands-on learning. Unlike the seasonal trailers, the kitchen hazard simulators are easily transportable throughout the year and will be brought to presentations, including in schools, newcomer organizations and seniors' complexes, and will allow participants to practice the skills they learn. The ability to try out the technique to address kitchen fires will help community members be better prepared if an emergency occurs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement

Date: January 2, 2025

Project Name:

Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant

First Year of Program **2024**

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs		-	-	-	-
Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Funding Sources:					
Debt - Internal	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Debt - External	-	-	-	-	-
Grants (Enter Description Here)	-	-	-	-	-
Reserves, Equity, Surplus	-	-	-	-	-
Other - Enter Description Here	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funding	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -				
Total Additional Debt Required	$ -				
Current Expenditures/Revenues					
Direct Costs	21,204				
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery	21,204				
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts					
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments:

The grant funding permits the purchase of two kitchen hazard simulators and accessories. This financial impact statement records both the grant funding and the asscoiated purchasing. The grant funding covers the cost of the items and all taxation.

John Hall FCMA, CGMA
Financial Controller
Fire Paramedic Service

CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with:

Legal Services

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

Good Health and Wellbeing
Policy 4.6 Community Safety
Facilitate a culture of safety and crime prevention across the City and community, by building trusting relationships to enable collaborative action.

WINNIPEG CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ALIGNMENT

Consideration was given as to whether this report connects to the Winnipeg Climate Action Plan (CAP), and it was determined that the CAP is not applicable to this specific report.

WINNIPEG POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY ALIGNMENT

No goals of the Poverty Reduction Strategy specifically align with these tools, but the focus on fire safety to higher risk populations supports the overall goals of the PRS through prevention loss of housing through fires and adapting education and support to reach higher risk populations.

SUBMITTED BY

Department: Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service
Division: Community Risk Reduction
Prepared by: Lisa Gilmour
Date: January 2, 2025
File No: