Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – June 17, 2025

REPORTS

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

WINNIPEG PUBLIC SERVICE RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the project funding consolidation for Stephen Juba Park, as outlined in Appendix C of this report, be approved and that the adopted capital budget 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:

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

Inside Downtown

- Four projects have been completed
- Five projects are in the planning phase
- Four projects are in construction

Design work is complete and the work has been awarded for Stephen Juba Park. The Public Service recommends supplementing the original $300,000 budget with $25,000 from the 2025 Downtown Enhancement Fund. This adjustment is required in order to complete the fitness trail by the target date of September 2025 and to support any change orders that may come up during construction.

Outside Downtown

- Twenty-six projects have been completed
- Six are in the planning phase
- Six 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 because of delays in project scope definition, resources to deliver projects, and added project complexity due to third-party funding agreements.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the project funding consolidation for Stephen Juba Park, as outlined in Appendix C of this report, be approved and that the adopted capital budget 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 Stephen Juba Park (Project # 1263002222) will be increased by $25,000. The recommended funding sources for these expenditures is the reallocation of existing and approved capital funding. No new money is required.

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

Phase 1 - $510,000
Project Completed October 2024
Brock McIlroy was hired to design the landscape surrounding the public washrooms located at Thunderbird House. Boost Developments Ltd. was hired and construction began in May 2024. The project was completed by October 2024.

Phase 2 - $90,000
Planned Construction - 2025
Phase 2 is currently in the planning phase and will include streetscaping improvements for Henry and Main Street, including the construction of one small scale intervention with a planned completion date of October 31, 2025.

B. Air Canada Park - $3,575,000
Planned Construction – Summer 2024 and ongoing in 2025
The bid opportunity closed in March 2024 and was awarded to Blue Lake Construction and Consulting Engineers Corp. Additional funding of $540,000 was approved by Council in February 2025 to finish the project and include a light trellis, benches and a contingency needed to completely finish the design vision extending the completion date to fall of 2025.

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. Construction will not begin until 2025 as road construction is underway and that work is now mostly complete. This project's work will begin in August and is planned to be complete by the end of the 2025 construction season. Additionally, $150,000 has been awarded to the Winnipeg Arts Council for a Winnipeg 150 public art project located on the Broadway median.

D. Market Lands Public Realm - $2,547,353

Planned Construction – Summer 2024 and ongoing in 2025
Project is in active construction with a planned completion date of October 31, 2025.

E. Sidewalk Renewals - $1,157,000

Phase 1 - William Avenue - $51,000

Project completed November 2023
This project consisted of the installation of 6 x 60W Acorn style pedestrian streetlights along William Street (Hargrave to Princess).

Phase 2 - Galt Street - $1,106,000

Planned Construction – Summer 2023 and ongoing in 2025
Streetscaping improvements along Galt were completed last summer. A small seating area across from Oseredok Ukrainian Cultural Centre and a Heritage Interpretation piece at Galt and Waterfront will be completed this summer.

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 detailed design and will also include $150,000 for public art on the site. Estimated construction start is August 2025 and is planned to be complete by the end of the 2025 construction season.

G. Central Park - $300,000

Phase 1 – $230,000

Project completed in October 2024.
The bid opportunity was awarded in the spring of 2024 to JRoss Construction and Landscaping Ltd. with construction occurring in Summer 2024 and completed in the fall. The project included an accessible ramp down to the field, additional trees, a bottle fill station and nets for soccer and volleyball.

Phase 2 - $64,000

Planned Construction - 2025
This project will resurface a play area near the spray pad and is planned to be completed by the end of the 2025 construction season. The work is going to tender in the coming weeks.

H. Alexander Docks - $600,000

The Forks Renewal Corporation (FRC) is leading this project and undertook a Request for Proposal for Preliminary Design with input from the City's Indigenous Relations Division. This work will be resourced by FRC, not using the Economic Response and Recovery Plan (ERRP) funds. The final preliminary design will be completed in May along with a phasing approach that

will allow FRC to begin work in a way that aligns with the procurement requirements of accessing the recovery funds.

I. Stephen Juba Fitness Trail - $300,000

Planned Construction – Spring 2025

Design work is complete and the work has been awarded to JRoss Construction and Landscaping Ltd. The Public Service recommends supplementing the original $300,000 budget with $25,000 from the 2025 Downtown Enhancement Fund. This adjustment is required in order to complete the fitness trail by the target date of September 2025 and to support any change orders that may come up during construction.

The Downtown Enhancement Fund's objective is to support the functional and aesthetic improvements and required upgrades to public spaces and streetscapes in the Downtown and Exchange District National Heritage Site.

J. Downtown Secondary Plan - $200,000

Project Completed October 2024

Final completion of CentrePlan 2050 occurred in the Fall 2024 and was approved as a secondary plan by Council on September 26, 2024.

Outside Downtown

On April 28, 2022, Council approved the COVID-19 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 July 31, 2025

- 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, ERRP 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: April 24, 2025

Project Name:

First Year of Program **2025**

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	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required	$ 325,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs	300,000	-	-	-	-
Additional Capital Budget Required	$ 25,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Funding Sources:					
Debt - Internal	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Debt - External	-	-	-	-	-
Grants (Enter Description Here)	-	-	-	-	-
Reserves, Equity, Surplus	-	-	-	-	-
Other - (2025 Downtown Enhancement)	25,000	-	-	-	-
Total Funding	$ 25,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -				
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 required represents the anticipated cost of the Stephen Juba Park project while existing budgeted costs represents the ERRP budget for the project. The additional $25,000 needed is to come from the 2025 Downtown Enhancements capital program budget. No incremental capital funding is required.

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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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Division: Major Capital Projects Oversight
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Date: April 24, 2025
File No: n/a

Attachments:

Appendix A – Inside Downtown Projects

Appendix B – Ward Projects Outside Downtown

Appendix C – Project Consolidations