Minutes – Standing Policy Committee on Community Services – January 9, 2026

REPORTS

Item No. 4 Reallocation of Capital Grant for Maple Grove Rugby Association from Equipment Shed to Water Cistern Project (St. Norbert-Seine River Ward)

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Standing Policy Committee on Community Services recommended the following to Council:

1. That the decision of December 4, 2017 approving funding in the amount of $45,000.00 to the Maple Grove Rugby Park Inc., to assist with the cost of the Building Upgrade project be rescinded.

2. That Maple Grove Rugby Park Inc. be authorized to utilize the $45,000 for the purposes of the Water Cistern Project.

3. That prior to the payment of $45,000.00 the City enter into, execute and deliver a grant agreement with Maple Grove Rugby Park Inc, and the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the agreement 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.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Allard,

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3. That prior to the payment of $45,000.00 the City enter into, execute and deliver a grant agreement with Maple Grove Rugby Park Inc, and the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the agreement 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.

and forwarded to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On December 2, 2025, the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services laid the matter over for 30 days.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 21, 2025, the Riel Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS A grant of $45,000 to Maple Grove Rugby Association (MGRA) was approved by the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services on December 4, 2017 to assist with the Building Upgrade Project;

AND WHEREAS the installation of a permanent water cistern system to provide a reliable on-site source of potable water has been identified by the MGRA as a more pressing and impactful priority for the development of its facilities since the lack of potable water is a critical barrier to hosting larger events and ensuring participant health and safety;

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

AND WHEREAS the installation of a water cistern will directly enable the MGRA to significantly increase its capacity for community fundraising events (such as tournaments, social gatherings, and community leagues) and, critically, will allow the facility to meet the requirements for hosting provincial and national-level rugby events;

AND WHEREAS hosting such events will generate substantial economic activity for the City of Winnipeg through hotel stays, restaurant visits, and other visitor spending, while also elevating the city's profile as a centre for amateur sport;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Riel Community Committee recommend to the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services:

1. That the decision of December 4, 2017, approving funding in the amount of $45,000.00 from the Community Services Operating Budget to the Maple Grove Rugby Park Inc., to assist with the cost of the Building Upgrade Project, be rescinded.

2. That all other terms and conditions of the original grant agreement remain in full force and effect.

3. That a capital grant be approved to the Maple Grove Rugby Association in the amount of $45,000 for the purposes of the Water Cistern Project.

4. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.