Minutes – Standing Policy Committee on Public Works – May 5, 2026

REPORTS

Item No. 2 Winakwa Community Centre Path and Park Project Creation and Funding (St. Boniface Ward)

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Standing Policy Committee on Public Works concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and recommended to Council:

1. That grant funding of up to $200,000 from the Government of Manitoba as represented by the Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations for the Winakwa Community Centre Park and Path Project be approved.

2. That the City enter into, execute and deliver a contribution agreement ("Agreement") with the Province of Manitoba, Department of Municipal and Northern Relations in an amount of up to $200,000 for the Winakwa Community Centre Park and Path Project and such other agreements deemed necessary by the City Solicitor/Director of Legal Services to implement the intent of foregoing ("Ancillary Agreements").

3. That, subject to approval of Recommendation 1 and 2, Council approve up to a $200,000 increase to the 2026 budget for the Community and Neighbourhood Parks Program project #1853000426 with the final budget increase equivalent to the grant funding obtained by the City under the terms of the Agreement for the Winakwa Community Centre Path and Park Project and that these funds are not to be subject to City overheads.

4. That the Chief Financial Officer be delegated authority to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the Agreement 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.

5. 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 Eadie,

That the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service be concurred in and forwarded to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

Carried

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Winakwa Community Centre Path and Park Project Creation and Funding

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

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Since 2023, the City has worked with the Winakwa Community Centre to help guide the community club to develop a master plan for the site. With the help of consultants, a master plan was completed in 2024.

The Province made a commitment to provide monies for the Winakwa Community Centre Path and Park Project. These monies were offered, as long as the City receives and administers the funds.

The Public Service is recommending the City enter into an agreement with the Province. The agreement is to accept up to $200,000 for the Winakwa Community Centre Path and Park Project.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That grant funding of up to $200,000 from the Government of Manitoba as represented by the Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations for the Winakwa Community Centre Park and Path Project be approved.

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REASON FOR THE REPORT

Council approval is required to accept third party funding, enter into the contribution agreement and increase a Capital Budget.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

The 2026 Community and Neighbourhood Parks Program Capital Budget will be increased by $200,000.00 for the purpose of the Winakwa Community Centre Park and Path project. See Appendix A attached.

For clarity, Council approved $350,000 for the 2026 Community and Neighbourhood Parks Program (project #1853000426). Approval of this report will result in an amended project budget of $550,000.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

Since January of 2023, the Urban Design Branch and Parks and Open Space Division have worked alongside the Winakwa Community Centre helping to guide the community club with their goal of developing a master plan for the site.

In January of 2024, Winakwa Community Centre hired consultants Hilderman Thomas Frank & Cram to develop the master plan to address current and future club and community needs. In September of 2024, the Master Plan was completed, with the understanding that the Urban Design Branch would assist in identifying and implementing individual construction projects as funding became available.

In 2025, a large portion of the pathways identified in the master plan were implemented through Federal Economic Response and Recovery Plan funding.

In 2025 a commitment of Provincial funding for the Winakwa Community Centre Path and Park Project was made to the Winakwa Community Centre with the understanding that the City would receive and administer the funds.

Due to strict provincial timelines and the requirement that the funding be provided by the Province in their 2024/2025 funding year, the City entered into the Agreement in March 2025 to receive the funds. Funds have been held in deferred revenue account: 003-291230-180605 pending approval of this report.

The scope of work to be implemented under the Winakwa Community Centre Path and Park Project in 2026 include a shade structure, paved surfacing, and other related site enhancements pending construction costs.

This project will provide amenities for gathering and improve climate adaptability, accessibility, and overall user-experience at Winakwa Community Centre.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement

Date: March 25, 2026

Project Name: Winakwa Community Centre Path and Park Project Creation and Funding

First Year of Program **2026**

	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required	$ 200,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Additional Capital Budget Required	$ 200,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Funding Sources:					
Debt - Internal	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Debt - External	-	-	-	-	-
Grants - Government of Manitoba	200,000	-	-	-	-
Reserves, Equity, Surplus	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funding	$ 200,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
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 are comprised of $200,000.00 which will be funded by a grant for the Winakwa Community Centre Path and Park Project based on current cost estimates. Upon approval of this report, all costs will be charged to Community & Neighbourhood Parks Program project ID# 1853000426. The grant is not subject to City overheads.

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Manager of Finance and Administration

CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with:

- Legal Services

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

- **04-2 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.
- **04-2 4.11 Equitable Service Access:** Prioritize equitable access to recreation and parks systems, services, and infrastructure, in order to: enable active living; connect people and nature; create supportive environments; build community capacity; and achieve desired health outcomes, with a focus on children and youth.

WINNIPEG CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ALIGNMENT

- **01-2 1.8 Ensure Land Use, Transportation and Built Environment Policy Acknowledge Climate Priorities**: Incorporate climate risks and opportunities into land use and transportation planning, enhancing overall climate resilience.

WINNIPEG POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY ALIGNMENT

- **01- 1.5 Strategic Objective: Building Partnerships**: Respond to communities' unique challenges and opportunities by supporting existing and fostering new partnerships with community groups and private organizations.
- **02- 2.5**: **Park Service Categories**: Leisure & gathering - Support individual and community wellbeing, facilitate public events and celebrations, and foster an understanding of Winnipeg's arts and culture by providing safe, accessible, vibrant, and functional gathering and event spaces.
- **04- 4.1.2.J. Implementation Strategies**: Coordination with other park/open space providers - Explore options to work with private landowners, school boards, conservation authorities and other levels of government to provide public access to non-municipal open spaces.

SUBMITTED BY

Department: Public Works
Division: Parks and Open Space
Prepared by: J. Bell
Date: April 1, 2026
Attachment:
Appendix A – Public Works – General Capital Fund