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Minute No. 161
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Community Services – January 9, 2026

Item No. 4 **Contribution Agreement with Manitoba Recreational Trails Association for the King's Park Trail Connections and Extensions Project**
(St. Norbert - Seine River Ward)

COUNCIL DECISION:

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

1. That receipt of grant funding from Manitoba Recreational Trails Association Inc. for the King's Park Trail Connections and Extensions Construction Project of up to $300,000 be approved and that these funds are not to be subject to City overheads.

2. That the City enter, 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 a new Capital Project, Project ID# 1853001223, be created for the King's Park Trail Connections and Extensions project in the amount of $300,000.00 with the budget being funded by the grant from Manitoba Recreational Trails Association Inc. The final budget will be equivalent to the grant funding obtained by the City 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 Santos,

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

Carried

David Grant submitted a communication in opposition to the matter.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 20, 2026, 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 January 9, 2026, 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.

David Grant submitted a communication in opposition to the matter.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Contribution Agreement with Manitoba Recreational Trails Association for the King's Park Trail Connections and Extensions Project

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

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Public Service is seeking approval to enter into an agreement with the Manitoba Recreational Trails Association Inc. (MRTA). MRTA would provide up to $300,000 for the King's Park Trail Connections and Extensions. This project is based on current estimates. If approved, the capital budget would need to be increased as outlined in the agreement.

All matters in the draft contribution agreement have been agreed to in principle. The Public Service will also apply for more funding for improvements to Park Trails.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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REASON FOR THE REPORT

Council approval is required to accept third party funding, establish a Capital project, and increase a Capital Budget.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

The 2023 Regional Parks Capital Budget will be increased by up to $300,000.00. The final budget increase will be equivalent to the grant funding earned under the terms of the agreement.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

Prior work at King's Park was completed and funded within the 2022 Economic Response and Recovery Plan: Related Infrastructure Investments of which $1,000,000.00 was allocated to project # 1218003622 - Kilcona King Asphalt Renewal, and comprised the following:

- **2022 Trail Improvement Project**: The City of Winnipeg's Parks and Open Space Division initiated a $1 million trail upgrading project. This effort focused on improving 3 km of multi-use trails in both Kilcona Park and King's Park.

- **King's Park Enhancements**: 300 meters of restored pathways and an additional 200 meters of new path linkages in King's Park.

Grant Application for 2023: An application was submitted for additional funding, requesting $300,000 from the Trails Manitoba Grant. This grant supports extending the trail network by another 1 km within King's Park. This extension is a stand-alone project.

This ongoing project aims to widen and improve trail quality, enhancing both accessibility and overall user experience within the parks, by integrating more circuit opportunities and ensuring the paths are accessible year-round.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement

Date: November 7, 2025

Project Name:

First Year of Program **2025**

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	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required	$ 300,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Additional Capital Budget Required	$ 300,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Funding Sources:					
Debt - Internal	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Debt - External	-	-	-	-	-
Grants -Manitoba Recreational Trails Association Inc.	300,000	-	-	-	-
Reserves, Equity, Surplus	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funding	$ 300,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
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 $300,000.00 which will be funded by grant for the King's Park Trail Connections and Extensions project based on current cost estimates. All costs will be charged to the new Public Works project ID#1853001223. The grant is not subject to City overheads.

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J. Ruby, CPA, CA
Manager of Finance and Administration

CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with: Legal Services (as to legal issues)

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

- **02-1 2.5 Climate Resilient Growth**: Actively explore innovative approaches to city building, an integrated and sustainable transportation system, and related infrastructure capacity enhancements that mitigate the impact of climate risk on infrastructure; leverage targeted densities as detailed in Complete Communities; and minimize conflict between different street functions and users.
- **02-2 2.9 Reduce Road Congestion**: Increase the efficiency, convenience, and usage of the active and public transportation system to improve air quality, provide a viable alternative to the automobile, and reduce current and future road congestion.
- **06-1 6.41 Inclusive Public Places**: Practice and enforce a high standard of urban design, supporting a sustainable quality of life and sense of place through developing a safe, resilient, high-quality, high-functioning, and active transportation and transit-oriented urban environment.

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

Winnipeg Parks Strategy
Grants and External Funding: It emphasizes the importance of seeking external funding sources and partnership opportunities to reduce the cost of implementing park strategies.

WINNIPEG CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ALIGNMENT

- **01-1 1.4 Encourage Sustainable Transportation Options**: Encouraging the use of sustainable transportation methods, including walking and cycling, is essential for reducing emissions and enhancing active mobility.
- **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.
- **03-1 3.4 Increase Active Transportation Rates**: Aims to increase the use of active transportation methods such as cycling and walking, which enhances public health and reduces vehicular emissions.

- **03-2 3.5 Reduce Traffic Congestion**: Reduce road congestion through improved public and active transportation systems.
- **04-1 4.1 Increase Strategic Infill Development**: Encourages development in key areas to increase access to and capitalize on transit services and active transportation routes.

WINNIPEG POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY ALIGNMENT

- **3.17 Sustainable Transportation Connectivity**: Enhance the transportation system to improve access to educational institutions, employment, and recreation, particularly in neighborhoods most impacted by poverty.
- **4.1 Health Equity**: Provide municipal services through a health equity lens for proactive community development and desired health and safety outcomes.

SUBMITTED BY

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Division: Parks and Open Space
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Date: November 17, 2025