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

REPORTS

Item No. 6 Capital Grant for Arena Renewal Project (Sewer Line Relocation) at Dakota Community Centre (St. Norbert - Seine River Ward)

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. That a grant of up to $300,000 be approved for Dakota Community Centre Inc. for a sewer relocation and upgrade project, funded from the Arena Renewal Program within the 2022 Adopted Capital Budget for the Recreation and Library Facility Investment Strategy.

2. That the City enter into, execute and deliver a grant agreement with Dakota Community Centre Inc. for the sewer relocation and upgrade project, as determined necessary by the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor to implement the intent of the foregoing.

3. That authority be delegated to the Chief Financial Officer to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the grant agreement, in accordance with this report and such other terms and conditions deemed necessary by the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor 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,

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

Carried

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Capital Grant for Arena Renewal Project (Sewer Line Relocation) at Dakota Community Centre

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

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Public Service recommends approval of a $300,000 capital grant to help the Dakota Community Centre Inc. move and improve an existing sewer line. This work is needed to address sewer issues that could affect the safe and reliable operation of the arena.

On May 26, 2022, Council approved $8 million from the 2022 Capital Budget for arena projects under the Recreation and Library Facility Investment Strategy. This funding was set aside for repairs and maintenance at City-owned arenas in Winnipeg. The proposed grant for the Dakota Community Centre would use part of this funding. This use is consistent with Council's direction.

A capital grant will help the Dakota Community Centre complete the work when needed. This also reduces the risk of an unexpected closure.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That a grant of up to $300,000 be approved for Dakota Community Centre Inc. for a sewer relocation and upgrade project, funded from the Arena Renewal Program within the 2022 Adopted Capital Budget for the Recreation and Library Facility Investment Strategy.

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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 authorize a capital grant to Dakota Community Centre Inc. and to enter into the related grant agreement.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

Financial:
The $300,000 capital grant will be funded from the 2022 Adopted Capital Budget, specifically the Arena Renewal Program within the Recreation and Library Facility Investment Strategy. No additional financial impacts are anticipated, and the grant does not create future operating or capital funding commitments. The grant is expected to cover the full scope of the project.

Operational:
The funding will help address sewer capacity and backup risks at the facility and support the safe, reliable operation of the arena.

Legal:
A grant agreement will be required and will be subject to review and approval by the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor.

Environmental/Human Resources:
The recommendations have no direct environmental or human resource implications.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

Dakota Community Centre is a City-owned facility. It is a non-profit community centre that provides arena services and programming to Winnipeg residents. The facility has experienced sewer capacity and backup issues related to backwater valve failure in the existing sanitary sewer infrastructure, resulting in repairs and insurance claims. Although repairs have been completed, the risk of service interruptions remains due to existing conditions in other areas of the sanitary sewer system that have not been addressed. Relocating and increasing the capacity of the sanitary sewer line will remediate these other known conditions.

Arena Renewal Program

The Recreation and Library Facility Investment Strategy is a Council-adopted, $58 million capital program for 2021 to 2023, funded entirely by the Government of Manitoba. The capital program included $8 million in 2022 for arena investments. On May 26, 2022, Council directed the Public Service to use this funding to support repairs and maintenance at arenas under the Strategy.

The Arena Renewal Program provides capital funding to help maintain arena operations and service levels for Winnipeg residents. Each eligible arena receives a minimum allocation of $100,000.

Arena Renewal Program funding has been identified for the relocation and upgrade of an existing sewer line at Dakota Community Centre. In 2025, sewer backup and capacity issues have created operational challenges and required ongoing mitigation measures. Subsequent inspection confirmed that the backup was caused by calcium buildup within the sewer line. Efforts to fully clear the line were not successful resulting in a sanitary sewer line that can only reliably support low to moderate facility occupancy levels. Options analysis for remediation of this existing condition, identified installation of a new larger capacity PVC sewer line as the most cost-effective solution. The proposed work will address capacity and condition issues that could disrupt arena services.

Providing the funding as a capital grant will support timely infrastructure improvements and establish a clear funding limit and accountability framework through a grant agreement. The Municipal Accommodations Division of the Assets and Project Management Department will provide project oversight and technical assistance as warranted. This approach supports the City's goal of maintaining safe and accessible recreation facilities, and reliable recreational services across Winnipeg.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement

Date: April 10, 2026

Project Name:

First Year of Program **2026**

Capital Grant for Arena Renewal Project (Sewer Line Relocation) at Dakota Community Centre

	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required	$ 300,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs	300,000	-	-	-	-
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	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery	-	-	-	-	-
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	-	-	-	-	-
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments: Capital expenditures represent the grant amount to be provided to Dakota Community Centre to support the sewer line realocation project to fix sewer problems that could affect the arena and community programs. The grant will be funded from the Recreation and Library Facility Investment Strategy - Arena Renewal Program (6362608122).

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CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with:

- Assets and Project Management
- Legal Services (as to legal issues)

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

The information in this report is consistent with OurWinnipeg 2045 Goals and Policy Direction:

Leadership and Good Governance: 1.4 Integrated Knowledge and Resources
Coordinate inter-departmental systems, project and resources, making the best use of internal and external expertise to better understand service needs, find the most appropriate solutions, optimize resources, and maximize community outcomes.

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: 4.8 Building Safety
Enforce compliance with building codes and property maintenance standards, to ensure housing quality, safe building occupancy, and extended building lifecycles.

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.

Good Health and Well-Being: 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

Strategic Opportunity #5: Low Carbon and Energy Efficient Buildings
Direction 5.1 Increase Energy Performance of Existing Buildings

WINNIPEG POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY ALIGNMENT

Goal 6: All City Services are Equitable, Inclusive and Accessible

SUBMITTED BY

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