Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – June 16, 2026

REPORTS

Item No. 5 Update Report No. 6 on the Economic Response and Recovery Plan (ERRP) Projects Situated Inside and Outside Downtown

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. That this report be received as information.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Browaty,

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

Carried

David Grant submitted a communication in opposition to the matter.

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

Inside Downtown

- Seven projects have been completed
- One project is in the planning phase
- Five projects are in construction

Outside Downtown

- Thirty-six projects have been completed
- Two projects are in construction

The Public Service expects to begin reporting the surplus remaining in the Outside downtown projects in the next semi-annual report. This will allow Council to decide how to spend the balance of funds. The next report will be presented in December 2026.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That this report be received as information.

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.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

There are no implications to receiving this report as information.

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:

Active Projects

A. Main Street Amenity Plan Phase 2 - $90,000
Planned Construction - 2026
Phase 2 has been awarded, and construction is set to begin this spring. It includes pavement replacement at the corner of Main and Disraeli with a planned completion date of June 30, 2026.

B. Air Canada Park - $3,575,000
Planned Construction – Wrapping up in 2026
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 trellis, benches and a contingency needed to completely finish the design vision extending the completion date to Spring 2026.

C. Broadway Renewal - $600,000
Planned Construction – 2026
The Public Service is working with FT3 to design updated seating nodes along Broadway. The Bid Opportunity was awarded in October 2025, but the work will not begin until Spring 2026. 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 – Ongoing in 2026
Project is in active construction with planned completion in fall of 2026. The funds for this project are primarily supporting the “north lane” and includes the installation of silva cells and underground waste receptacles.

F. SHED/Exchange Gateway - $1,200,000
Planned Construction – Ongoing in 2026
Scatliff+Miller+Murray were hired by TrueNorth to design the Odeon Park in front of Burton Cummings Theatre. The project is in active construction and will also include $150,000 for public art on the site. Construction began in August 2025 with some final elements to be installed in summer 2026.

H. Alexander Docks - $600,000
Planned Construction – 2026 (Demolition)
The Forks Renewal Corporation (FRC) led the Preliminary Design with input from the City's Indigenous Relations Division. This work will be resourced by FRC, not using the ERRP funds. An engineering firm has been hired to manage the demolition of the Dock. However, the work must be done in the winter months, with the expectation of starting demolition by the end of 2026.

Completed Projects

A. Main Street Amenity Plan 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 as of October 2024.

E. Sidewalk Renewals 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 Street to Princess Street).

E. Sidewalk Renewals Phase 2 - Galt Street - $1,106,000
Project Completed August 2025
Streetscaping improvements along Galt Avenue were completed in summer 2024. A small seating area across from Oseredok Ukrainian Cultural Centre and a Heritage Interpretation piece at Galt Avenue and Waterfront Drive were completed in August 2025.

G. Central Park 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.

G. Central Park Phase 2 - $64,000
Project Completed in September 2025
This project resurfaced a play area near the spray pad and was completed in September 2025.

I. Stephen Juba Fitness Trail - $300,000
Project Completed in September 2025
This project was designed by FT3, and was completed in September 2025, consisting of six fitness spots along Stephen Juba trail.

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 Economic Response and Recovery Plan (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 have extended into the 2025 and 2026 construction seasons. 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 was completed on July 15, 2025.
    - Total ERRP budget is $1,500,000

- 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, 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. The Public Service expects to begin reporting the surplus remaining in the Outside downtown projects in the next semi-annual report (December 2026). This will allow Council to decide how to spend the balance of funds.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement Date: April 23, 2026

Project Name:

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COMMENTS:

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

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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: Capital Projects Oversight and Reporting
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Attachments:

Appendix A: Inside Downtown Projects
Appendix B: Ward Projects Outside Downtown