Minutes - Executive Policy Committee - March 17, 2004

PRELIMINARY 2004 to 2006 OPERATING BUDGET

Minute No. 263 Operation of Outdoor Swimming and Wading Pools
File PR-2.2

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DECISION:

The Executive Policy Committee received as information the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services with respect to the operation of outdoor swimming and wading pools.

(See Minute 268)

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Clement,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services with respect to the operation of outdoor swimming and wading pools be received as information.

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 11, 2004, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services concurred in the January 14, 2004 recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works, and recommends:

1. That a Reserve/Sinking Fund be established by retaining funds not expended on rainy days for the operation of outdoor swimming and wading pools and utilizing said funds to extend the number of days outdoor swimming and wading pools are open.

Further on March 11, 2004, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services referred to the 2005 Operating Budget process the proposed increase in the amount of $546,110.00 over the existing Preliminary 2004 Operating Budget for the current wading pool/outdoor pool operation (as outlined in the administrative report dated February 26, 2004).

On February 9, 2004, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works and referred the matter to its 2004 Operating Budget deliberations:

On January 13, 2004, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works requested the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services to:

1. Ensure sufficient funding is included in the 2004 operating budget of the Community Services Department to keep outdoor swimming and wading pools open until the end of August, on an annual basis, versus the Department requesting additional appropriations.

2. That a reserve fund be created from retained earnings for future use in extending the number of days outdoor swimming and wading pools are open.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

On September 8, 2003, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services requested the Administration to report back to the Committee on the costs of extending the operation of outdoor swimming and wading pools in the summertime, including but not limited to, opening the outdoor pools from the Victoria Day long weekend to the Labour Day long weekend, for consideration during the 2004 Operating Budget deliberations.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

RE: Extension of Wading Pool/Outdoor Pool Operations for 2004

FOR SUBMISSION TO: **Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services**

ORIGINAL REPORT SIGNED BY: Ursula Stelman, Director
Community Services Department

REPORT DATE: **February 26th, 2004**

RECOMMENDATION(S):

- That this report be received as information.

REPORT SUMMARY:

Key Issues:

- An extension to the Wading Pool/Outdoor Pool operation from August 20th to September 6th, 2004 (which includes the September long weekend) would require an increase of $546,110 over the existing, preliminary 2004 budget for the current wading pool/outdoor pool operation. ($270,268 Community Services Department costs and $275,842 Public Works Department costs – see Appendix A attached)
- This extension to the Wading Pool/Outdoor Pool operation would only be viable if the necessary Public Works Department human resources are available. (The start up of the City of Winnipeg arena operation is during the same period of time.)

Implications of the Recommendation(s):

General implications:
X **None**
For the organization overall &/or for other departments
For the community and/or organizations external to the City
Involves a multi-year contract
Comment(s):

Policy implications:
X **No**
Yes **Comment(s):**

Environmental implications:
X **No**

Yes Comment(s):

Human Resources implications:

X **No**

Yes Comment(s):

Financial implications:

X **Within approved current and/or capital budget**

Current and/or capital budget adjustment required

Comment(s):

REASON FOR THE REPORT:

On February 9th, 2004, Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services clarified its earlier request that the Administration report back regarding the costs of extending the 2004 operation from the regular schedule (August 20th) to the September long weekend (September 6th).

HISTORY:

At the meeting on September 8th, 2003 Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services requested that the Administration report back to the Committee on the costs of extending the operation of outdoor swimming and wading pools in the summertime, including but not limited to, opening the outdoor pools from Victoria Day long weekend to the Labour Day long weekend, for consideration during the 2004 Operating Budget deliberations.

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DISCUSSION:

The wading pool program staggers the opening and closing schedule of various pools to ensure citizens have access to a pool within each community throughout the summer. The schedule is based on the location of the wading pool and the participation numbers.

The outdoor pool program is not staggered as all pools operate seven days per week during the summer season.

The following is a list of considerations should the pools remain open through September long weekend:

Public Works Department

- Public Works is responsible for providing resources for the summer wading pool/outdoor pool operations and is also responsible for the operation of the City of Winnipeg's Indoor Arenas. Any extension to the wading pool/outdoor pool operation would require a corresponding adjustment to arena operations or equivalent.

Community Services Department

- The staff that are employed as part of the wading pool/outdoor pool operations are seasonal staff and therefore an extension of the job bulletins would be required.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

This report is for information only. The Department Controller has reviewed this report and concurs that there are no financial implications.

Financial Impact Statement

Date: February 26, 2004

First Year of Program 2004

Project Name: Extension of Wading Pool/Outdoor Pool Operations for 2004

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs	-	-	-	-	-
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: This report is for information only. The Department Controller has reviewed this report and concurs that there are no financial implications.

C. Wightman, Manager
Finance & Administrative Services

IN PREPARING THIS REPORT THERE WAS CONSULTATION WITH, AND CONCURRENCY BY:

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THIS REPORT SUBMITTED BY:

Community Services Department
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File No.

Appendix 1

RE: Extended Wading Pool and Outdoor Pool Season - 2004:

Further to the request by the Standing Committee on Protection & Community Services for budget information in regards to an extended season to operate the wading & outdoor pools from June 28th until September 6th, 2004, please find below the approximate costs for these extended operations.

WADING POOLS:
(94 sites to be extended approximately 3 weeks – starting August 23rd to September 6, 2004)

- Community Services Department Program leadership expenditures $172,268.00
- Public Works Department Maintenance expenditures $205,842.00

$378,110.00

OUTDOOR POOLS:
(10 Sites to be extended approximately 3 weeks - starting August 23rd to September 6th, 2004)

- Community Services Department Program leadership expenditures $98,000.00
- Public Works Department Maintenance expenditures $70,000.00

TOTAL **$168,000.00**

TOTAL COSTS COMBINED:

- **Community Services Department** **270,268.00**
- **Public Works Department** **275,842.00**
- **GRAND TOTAL** **$546,110.00**