AGENDA OF THE

CIVIC ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

LOCATION:	North Committee Room Council Building
DATE:	**Monday, May 9, 2005**
TIME:	**4:00 p.m**
MEMBERS:	Councillor Gord Steeves, Chairperson Councillor Donald Benham Councillor Harvey Smith Annitta Stenning, Chief Administrative Officer Bob Foster Michele Kading Ken Klassen Rodney McDonald Ken MacKinnon Shannon Stunden Bower Terri Willard Tony Zienkiewicz
ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL:	James Allum, Interim Environmental Coordinator Kristine Koster, Policy Assistant, Civic Environmental Committee
CLERK	Krista Kunz

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NEW BUSINESS

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

moves that the minutes of the meeting held on April 11, 2005 be taken as read and confirmed.

DELEGATIONS

1. Louise May and Billy Duberry, St. Norbert Arts Centre, to be heard with respect to community cooperative site stewardship, permaculture, waste-water, community composting, reforestation, alternative architecture and self-reliancy. File E-7

(See Item No. 3 - page 4)

2. Phyllis Watson, Council of Women of Winnipeg, to be heard with respect to sustainable urban development and the role of the Civic Environmental Committee. File E-7

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GENERAL BUSINESS

1. From Councillor Gord Steeves, Chairperson, Civic Environmental Committee
   Communication 2005/05/04

City Hall Reports
File E-7 (Vol. 1)

Providing for Committee's consideration, the following Standing Committee reports.

Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development
Development of the Cloutier Trail

See DMIS attachments: Development of the Cloutier Trail
Appendix A
Appendix B
Appendix C

2. From Kristine Koster, Policy Assistant, Civic Environmental Committee
Communication 2005/05/04

Issues of Interest
File E-7 (Vol. 1)

Submitting the following matters which may be of interest to the Committee

A) News release on Winnipeg community facilities
(See attachment Pages 7 – 12)

b) Talking points/statement on the government's climate change plan
(See attachments Page 13 and 14)

3. From Louise May and Billy Duberry, St. Norbert Arts Centre
Communication 2005/05/04

Community Cooperative Site Stewardship, Permaculture, Waste-water, Community Composting, Reforestation, Alternative Architecture and Self-reliancy
File E-7 (Vol. 1)

Providing Committee with information on St. Norbert Arts Centre environmental initiatives.

4. From Phyllis Watson, Council of Women of Winnipeg

Sustainable Urban Development
File E-7 (Vol. 1)

Providing Committee with information on sustainable urban development and the role of the Civic Environmental Committee.

5. From Ken MacKinnon, Committee Member

Progress Report - Green Building Sub-Committee
File E-7

Providing for Committee's information, a progress report of the Green Building Sub-Committee comprised of Ken Klassen, Rodney McDonald and Ken MacKinnon.

6. From Bob Foster, Committee Member

Progress Report - Land Use Sub-Committee
File E-7

Providing for Committee's information, a progress report of the Land Use Sub-Committee comprised of Bob Foster, Gord Steeves, Terri Willard, Shannon Stunden Bower.

7. From Councillor Gord Steeves, Chairperson, Civic Environmental Committee

Chairperson's Monthly Report
File E-7

Submitting for Committee's information, the Chairperson's monthly report.

8. From James Allum, Interim Environmental Coordinator, Civic Environmental Committee

Interim Environmental Coordinator's Monthly Report
File E-7

Submitting for Committee's information, the Interim Environmental Coordinator's monthly report.

9. From Kristine Koster, Policy Assistant, Civic Environmental Committee

Policy Assistant's Monthly Report
File E-7

Submitting for Committee's information, the Policy Assistant's monthly report.

moves that the rule be suspended and that the following items be considered.

On motion of , the meeting adjourned at p.m.

Item 2 Attachment – Issues of Interest - News release on Winnipeg community facilities

From Ken Klassen
Let's add this issue to the agenda for the next CEC meeting.
It is becoming increasingly common for governments to insist upon some minimum level of cost-effective energy and environmental performance for building projects that receive significant public funding. The City of Winnipeg has an excellent opportunity to show some leadership here but likely will need some prodding from the CEC.

From Rodney McDonald
Perhaps the Committee should prepare a letter to the appropriate persons recommending that the facilities be green buildings, highlighting the financial and other direct and indirect benefits of green buildings. This federal funding will trigger an environmental assessment for each building in accordance with the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, and green building is one way to mitigate a number of the negative effects of the buildings on the environment.
Hopefully, one day, any federal funding for a project will also automatically trigger sustainability and/or green building requirements.

2005 News Releases

Fund to provide unprecedented investment in Winnipeg community facilities

WINNIPEG - APRIL 22, 2005 - Manitoba Premier Gary Doer, Reg Alcock, President of the Treasury Board and Minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board, and City of Winnipeg Mayor Sam Katz announced today an agreement on supporting recreation and leisure facilities for the City of Winnipeg.

The agreement announced today will provide some $43 million to be administered through a tri-level arrangement that will provide funding to a variety of recreational and leisure facilities, such as community centres, spray parks and skateboard parks. This arrangement is made possible by a separate tri-level strategic infrastructure agreement for the upgrade of Winnipeg's wastewater system and the construction of the Kenaston underpass. This agreement will provide the City with the fiscal room to invest in community centers.

"Today's announcement is about investing in the health and well- being of our children and their families. Recreational activity plays a positive role in our young people's lives - often becoming a lifelong pursuit that encourages fitness and fun in a social setting," Doer said. "Our recreation facilities are also a centerpiece of healthy neighborhoods and we are extremely pleased to be making these investments in our future."

"Recreational and leisure centers enrich our communities, provide safe places for our children, and contribute to the vibrancy of Winnipeg's many neighbourhoods," said Minister Alcock. "This is another example of the importance of an effective partnership at all three levels of government in order to get things done on behalf of all our constituents."

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"These funds will set the stage for investments on a scale which Winnipeg community facilities have not seen in decades," said Mayor Katz. "I am proud to join with our colleagues in the federal and provincial governments to address a key priority for Winnipeg."

The agreement will include a comprehensive package on enhanced and new facilities throughout Winnipeg, and the establishment of "investment funds" to address the need for improvements to smaller, aging community centres. The three levels of government have already agreed on several community centre priority projects, and information on this first round of projects is attached.

Backgrounder

Recreation and Leisure Facilities - Preliminary Priority List

PROJECT DESCRIPTION
COST
A. North End Recreation & Leisure Facility Large multi-purpose Community complex in an area under serviced by recreation options. Components may include administration offices, multipurpose space, gymnasium, craft/woodshop area, multimedia lab, and fitness facility. Specific location and components will be selected through a local consultation process. Location options include the Old Ex site and the existing Sinclair Park Community Centre.
$7.0 Million

B. Bronx Park Community Centre
Development of a 35,000 square foot facility that amalgamates an existing community centre and seniors centre. Components include meeting areas, wellness zone, games room, computer lab, creative arts studio, home improvement shop, administration and storage areas, new outdoor play spaces and park space. Opportunities exist to integrate additional community/leisure centres into this facility.
$3.9 million

C. Sargent Park Recreation Complex
Major redevelopment of existing recreation centre. Project includes relocation of the running track from the basement to a new mezzanine level, new fitness facility, new gymnasium, skateboard park, tennis court resurfacing, swimming pool improvements, lobby upgrades.
$2.7 million

In addition to previous funding from other infrastructure sources.
D. Community Centre Investment Fund
Flexible investment fund for smaller scale community centre maintenance and expansion projects.
$10.0 million

E. Regional Recreation Needs
Winnipeg soccer complex.
$6.0 million

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F. Kildonan Park Urban Oasis Regional indoor aquatic facility combining a lap pool, leisure pool, water play area, fitness facility, change facilities. Would replace one existing outdoor pool and possibly one indoor pool in the surrounding area.
$9.0 million

G. Spray Parks/Pads
Free access, fully accessible outdoor aquatic play areas incorporating several colorful, interactive water features.

* Norquay Spray Park - $0.4 million
* River/Osborne CC Spray Pad Conversion - $0.25 million
* River Heights Spray Pad Conversion - $0.25 million
* Provencher Spray Pad Conversion - $0.2 million
* St. Norbert CC Spray Pad - $0.2 million
* Linden Woods Spray Park - $0.1 million
* Spray Park/Pad Investment Fund - $1.2 million

$2.6 million

[Est. cost per new facility: $200,000 - $400,000] H. Skateboard Parks Community-level facilities featuring a wide array of ramps, rails and other skateboard installations.

* Expand St. Vital Skateboard Park - $0.2 million
* Additional funding for Victoria Jason Skateboard Park (Transcona) - $0.1 million
* Additional funding for St. James Skateboard Park West - $0.15 million
* Fort Garry Skateboard Park - $0.4 million
* Skateboard Park Investment Fund - $0.95 million

$1.8 million

[Est. cost per new facility: $200,000 - $450,000] TOTAL PROJECT COSTS
$43 MILLION

Mayor Katz introduces new community facilities policy New approach to governance will end the status quo decline of rec centres

WINNIPEG - APRIL 22, 2005 - Committed to taking the first real action to improve community and recreational policies in nearly 30 years, Mayor Sam Katz today announced the first stage in moving forward with the future of community recreation and leisure facilities.

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The strategy developed by the city's administration, along with community stakeholders, provides a strong community-based governance structure for recreation and leisure facilities, and is consistent with the Mayor's election commitments to preventing top-down closures of community centres.

Building on the good work already being done in the community, this strategy will see the City establish a management agreement with the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres (GCWCC). This agreement will allow the GCWCC to strengthen the grassroots nature of the community centre movement, and reinforce Winnipeg's unique community centre model.

"This model will see our communities take a stronger leadership role in the quality of life offered in their individual neighbourhoods," said Mayor Katz. "I firmly believe that the people who live in these areas know them best, and by working with GCWCC, our community centres will have an enhanced opportunity to manage their own futures."

A comprehensive recreation and leisure facilities policy will be adopted by City Council to guide the actions of the GCWCC and community centres.
This policy will address key concepts such as sustaining the existing square footage (ie. ensuring the existing available space is maintained), encouraging communities to reconfigure their space over time (ie. fewer and newer multi-use facilities) and reinvesting in the community (ie. proceeds of property sales reinvested).

"As I promised during the election, there will be no forced closures of community centres," said Katz "but we will have to make decisions with the interest of the whole city in mind, and this strategy ensures the ownership for those decisions is retained by the community.

The report formally outlining the recommendations will come forward to Council for final approval in late spring.

BACKGROUNDER

Proposed Policy on Community Centres

City Council will be considering a new policy on Community Centres, one that builds upon the current "A.C.T.I.V.E. Policy Framework" that was adopted in January 2004.

There are three concepts being proposed in the new policy:

1. Sustain existing square footage of recreation and leisure space
The amount of existing recreation and leisure space in each of the five districts while not adding to that amount other than what may be necessary to accommodate real population growth. The five districts are intended to coincide with the boundaries of the City's Community Committee areas. Within this envelope of total square footage of space, each district is expected to plan for any changes that may be desired by the community. Over time facilities may merge to allow new facilities to be built or to allow existing facilities to expand but these decisions will be driven by the community through consultation.

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2. Expand the role of General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres
The intent of this component of the policy is to provide the GCWCC, through a Management Agreement with the City, with the mandate to facilitate planning discussions at a district level. Communities will be encouraged to reconfigure the recreation and leisure space within their district (fewer, newer, and more multi-use facilities) although City Council will continue to have final authority over the GCWCC's recommendations. The GCWCC would also play a larger role in the day to day support provided to community centres. The GCWCC would be provided with additional resources to undertake these efforts. This change in governance will be implemented over time with City staff continuing to provide support to the community centre model during and after the transition.

3. Reinvest in the Community Centre system
The intent of this component of the policy is to sustain and enhance funding to community centres over time. At present, community centres receive funding from the City through what is called the Universal Funding Formula. Under this policy, the total amount distributed to community centres would not be reduced should mergers occur between facilities. Furthermore, should any community centre property be disposed of as a result of mergers or reconfigurations of space, the capital gains would be redirected into the system to stimulate further improvements.

Strategic infrastructure priorities for Winnipeg realigned

WINNIPEG - APRIL 22, 2005 - Reg Alcock, President of the Treasury Board and Minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board, Manitoba Premier Gary Doer, the Honourable John Godfrey, Minister of State (Infrastructure and Communities), and City of Winnipeg Mayor Sam Katz announced today a renewed agreement in principle for Manitoba's strategic infrastructure priorities.

Through this agreement in principle, the Government of Canada will now focus the remainder of its share of the funding jointly announced last March, up to $42 million, to strategic improvements to the City of Winnipeg's wastewater treatment system. The Province of Manitoba and the City of Winnipeg have also reaffirmed their original commitments to this important project.

Together, the Government of Canada, the Province of Manitoba and the City of Winnipeg have already committed $44 million in funding to the Kenaston Underpass project.

In addition, the Province of Manitoba and the City of Winnipeg have agreed in principle to provide up to $43 million in funding, to the City's strategic community enhancements. This realignment of Provincial and City funding was facilitated by the Government of Canada's agreement in respect of the Winnipeg wastewater treatment project.

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"The Government of Canada is pleased to be supporting improvements to Winnipeg's wastewater treatment system. Investing in our communities today is an investment in our future," said Minister Alcock. "We want our communities to be the best in the world. The Government of Canada has a role to play in developing this vision and we are ready to do our part by working together in partnerships with all orders of government to implement local solutions to locally identified needs," added Alcock.

"We have been able to work together creatively to come to an agreement that will enhance our recreation facilities and parks, and this is great news for Winnipeg," Premier Doer said. "This is about building our communities, and today's announcement adds nicely to our earlier agreements on such priority projects as upgrading the city's wastewater system and constructing the Kenaston underpass. We are pleased to work with our federal and city partners to address these important infrastructure initiatives."

"Supporting our cities and communities through the Government of Canada's New Deal is not just about money -- it is about all governments working together to foster sustainable communities: environmentally, culturally, socially and economically," said Minister Godfrey. "We look forward to continuing our partnership with the Province of Manitoba and the City of Winnipeg, and working together to support locally identified needs."

"This plan will provide major financial support to a key infrastructure priority for the city of Winnipeg and its citizens, while freeing resources for investment in community and recreation facilities," said Mayor Katz. "This is an outstanding example of a combined effort from all levels of government paying off for the families who live and work in Winnipeg."

The Government of Canada will work with the Government of Manitoba and the City of Winnipeg on the City's wastewater treatment project to evaluate and finalize the project details for funding. The project will be subject to meeting applicable federal and provincial requirements, including the completion of an environmental assessment.

Last update: 25.04.2005

Item 2 Attachment - Government's Climate Change Plan

STATEMENT BY FCM PRESIDENT ANN MACLEAN ON THE RELEASE OF THE

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA'S CLIMATE CHANGE PLAN

OTTAWA, April 13 - Ann MacLean, President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and Mayor of New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, today released the following statement in response to the Government of Canada's Climate Change Plan.

"Greenhouse gas emissions must be reduced if we are to avoid the harmful consequences of climate change. If we do not take action, Canada's share of these emissions could be 19 per cent above 1990 levels by 2010, and 36 per cent above 1990 levels by 2020.

Municipal governments are already dealing with extreme weather and other consequences of climate change. Northern communities are affected by changes in sea ice and permafrost. Atlantic Canada recently suffered its worst hurricane and winter storm in 100 years.

Municipal governments play a significant role in protecting the environment through their management of drinking water, sewage treatment, solid waste, pesticides, land use, transportation and energy planning. We also directly control or influence more than half of Canada's total greenhouse gas emissions.

For these reasons, we take our environmental responsibilities seriously. FCM has supported the implementation of the Kyoto Protocol since 2002, and we support the plan released today by the Government of Canada to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

FCM's members have already begun implementing strategies that will reduce the pollutants that cause smog and hamper the quality of life for all Canadians. FCM programs, including the Green Municipal Funds, Partners for Climate Protection and InfraGuide, support and enable the municipal sector and the Government of Canada to work in partnership to protect the environment and combat climate change.

The Government of Canada's New Deal for cities and communities offers additional opportunities for partnership, and recent initiatives, such as the transfer of gas tax revenue to municipal governments, will make a significant contribution to helping us reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

We look forward to the new opportunities presented by the Climate Change Plan through its Climate Fund and Partnership Fund, which will further strengthen municipal efforts to reduce greenhouse gases and combat climate change. Since these and other significant benefits can only be realized if the federal budget is passed, we urge all parties in the House to bring this about as soon as possible."

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For more information, contact Michael Hammond, FCM Communications, 613-241-5221, ext. 231.

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Talking Points – Climate Change plan

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- We also play a significant role in protecting the environment through our management of drinking water, sewage treatment, solid waste, pesticides, land use, transportation and energy planning. And we directly control or influence more than half of Canada's total greenhouse gas emissions. There can be no doubt that we have an important role to play in national efforts to fight climate change.
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