Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – June 8, 2005

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Item No. 2 Recreation and Leisure Facilities Policy
File PR-1

CIVIC ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 9, 2005, the Civic Environmental Committee recommended as follows:

1. That the proposed new community facilities policy include a requirement that any new recreation or leisure buildings or major renovations projects funded by the City of Winnipeg must be designed and constructed to minimize energy use and operating costs, greenhouse gas emissions and impact on the environment to greatest extent that is practical and cost-effective;

2. That this requirement will be deemed to be satisfied if the building or renovation project achieves a minimum of LEED silver certification from the Canada Green Building Council plus at least one of the following:
   - Power Smart designation from Manitoba Hydro; or
   - CBIP (Commercial Building Incentive Program) contribution from Natural Resources Canada

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

COUNCIL DECISION:

On May 18, 2005, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That the document entitled "The City of Winnipeg Recreation, Leisure, and Libraries Facilities Policy" attached as Appendix 'A' be adopted as City Policy.

2. That an additional $50,000.00 operating grant be provided to the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres (GCWCC) as interim funding for 2005.

3. That an increase of $150,000.00 to General Council of Winnipeg Community Centre's annual operating grant for 2006 and beyond be referred to the 2006-2008 budget process subject to GCWCC's provision of a business plan approved by Council.

CIVIC ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 9, 2005, the Civic Environmental Committee submitted the following resolution to the Executive Policy Committee, namely:

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has made a commitment to environmentally responsible decision-making (Plan Winnipeg Policies 2B-01 and 5A-01); to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (Police 2B-02); and to encourage energy efficiency and lower operating costs in civic buildings (Policy 5A-04);

AND WHEREAS Council has approved in principle the CEC's (Civic Environmental Committee's) report Sustainable Winnipeg: A Comprehensive Environmental Strategy which recommends that the City adopt a green building standard for new civic buildings and externally-tendered projects;

AND WHEREAS Council has adopted the Administration document Embracing Sustainability: An Environmental Priority and Implementation Plan for the City of Winnipeg 2004-2006 that makes the incorporation of green building technology in new buildings and major retrofit projects an ongoing priority initiative;

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

AND WHEREAS several recently completed 'green' building projects in Winnipeg including Mountain Equipment Co-op, Red River College Princess Street Campus, Smith Carter Building and Dalnavert Museum Visitor's Centre demonstrate that buildings that significantly reduce energy use, greenhouse gas emissions and impact on the natural environment can be built at little or no additional cost;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada, numerous regional and local governments as well as private organizations across Canada and the United States now require their building projects become certified under LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), a voluntary, consensus-based national standard for developing high-performance, sustainable buildings;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed new community facilities policy include a requirement that any new recreation or leisure buildings or major renovations projects funded by the City of Winnipeg must be designed and constructed to minimize energy use and operating costs, greenhouse gas emissions and impact on the environment to greatest extent that is practical and cost-effective;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this requirement will be deemed to be satisfied if the building or renovation project achieves a minimum of LEED silver certification from the Canada Green Building Council plus at least one of the following:

- Power Smart designation from Manitoba Hydro; or
- CBIP (Commercial Building Incentive Program) contribution from Natural Resources Canada