

GOVERNANCE & PRIORITIES COMMITTEE REPORT
FROM THE MEETING HELD JANUARY 7, 2016

For the Council Meeting of January 14, 2016, the Committee recommends the following:

1. **Early Budget Approval for Capital Projects**

That Council approve the budgets for the following projects outlined in this report.

2. **Proposed Amendments to the Expenditure Bylaw**

That Council:

1. Direct staff to prepare a clause along the following lines for inclusion in the Civic Expenditures Policy:
"The City, including directors, managers and other responsible staff, will endeavour to provide goods, equipment and services internally prior to considering any external purchase of goods, equipment or services."
2. Refer the policy to the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Development and Prosperity in April 2016.

That Council repeal the Expenditure Bylaw after approval of the Procurement Policy.

3. **Summary of Feedback on Proposed Changes to the Strategic Plan Grant Policy**

That Council approve the following motion:

That the Coalition to End Homelessness be awarded a grant of \$100,000 for 2016 and that they be exempted from the procurement policy.

That Council direct staff to:

1. Make the following amendments to the Strategic Plan Grant Policy:
 - a. Implement a maximum grant amount of \$25,000
 - b. Allow only one strategic plan grant application per organization per year except in situations where they are applying on behalf of a group that does not have not-for profit status.
2. Develop a communications strategy for all the City's grant programs.

4. **Community and Seniors Centres Annual Performance Report for 2014**

That Council direct staff to report annually in April on the performance measures for the community and seniors centres and that the community building at 1921-1923 Fernwood Road be added to the City's list of facilities.

That Council direct staff to provide the following:

1. community and seniors centres operating agreements to Council, and
2. develop a process for renewing and negotiating community and seniors centre operating agreements.

5. **784 Johnson Street – Consent to Sub-let**

That Council authorizes the Mayor and Corporate Administrator to execute an agreement consenting to the sub-letting of the premises at 748 Johnson Street to Fun Kun Lei, in a form satisfactory to staff.

6. **FCM Resolution – Federal Bill of Environmental Rights**

THAT Council endorse the following resolution for consideration at the 2016 Annual Convention of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, requesting that the motion be considered by delegates at the Annual Convention in Winnipeg, rather than referred to Directors at a Board meeting, in order to encourage debate among

representatives from all member local governments;

AND THAT Council direct staff to forward the resolution to all members of local governments of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support:

WHEREAS municipalities are the governments that are nearest to the people and the natural environment, and therefore share a deep concern for the well-being of the natural environment and understand that a healthy environment is inextricably linked to the health of individuals, families, future generations and communities;

AND WHEREAS federal policy affects municipalities' abilities to deliver the best environmental conditions for their citizens, including protecting natural assets such as air, water and soil, and enhancing community quality of life;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that FCM request that the Government of Canada enact federal environmental rights legislation that:

- recognizes the right of every resident to live in a healthy environment, including the right to clean air, clean water, safe food and resilient, fully functioning ecosystems;
- provides for public participation in decision-making on issues regarding the environment and access to environmental information;
- provides access to justice when environmental rights are infringed; and
- includes provisions for whistle-blower protection.

And that Council request the Mayor to write to the Federal Government regarding the resolution.

7. **Conference Attendance Request - Canadian Capital Cities Organization Annual Board Meeting to be held in Ottawa, Ontario from January 27 - 31, 2016**

That Council authorizes the attendance and associated costs for Councillor Alto to the Canadian Capital Cities Organization Board meeting to be held in Ottawa, Ontario, January 27 to 31, 2016.