Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services dated September 9, 2002

Extension of the Driver's Edge - Cops as Co-Pilots Initiative two year Pilot Project
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1. The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services has been advised that the Winnipeg Police Service is committed to road safety issues through increased public awareness and education. The Winnipeg Police Service is achieving this goal through a cost sharing initiative with Manitoba Public Insurance through involvement with the Drivers Edge - Cops as Co-Pilots program. It is a '*One of a kind'* program in North America involving a public corporation, novice drivers, and the Winnipeg Police Service.

The Cops as Co-Pilots program was initiated in July of 2000 and will terminate September, 2002. During this time 26 Winnipeg Police officers were trained and certified for class 5 commercial instruction. Manitoba Public Insurance absorbed the expense for this training at a savings to the Service of $26,000.00. There were a minimum of eight instructors required per class and no instructors were removed from street strength.

The program included 18 one-day advanced training seminars with a total of approximately 206 students attending these seminars. The program content included components of visual tracking, eye lead, collision avoidance techniques, and brake and escape procedures. During the course of this training a marked improvement was noted in each students driving ability. Positive course critiques indicate the course was very beneficial to all participants.

The Cops as Co-Pilots program, initiated in July 2000, targeted novice drivers as they account for 33% of all fatalities in the Province of Manitoba. This program was designed for novice drivers to:

- enhance their driving skill
- improve their driving attitude and behavior
- decrease their probability of becoming involved in motor vehicle collisions
- improve the relationship between the Winnipeg Police Service and novice drivers.

This program meets one of the Winnipeg Police Service Goals and Objectives of improving road safety through education. This program has had a positive impact on the young drivers of Manitoba who have completed the Driver Education program designed and run by Manitoba Public Insurance. All critiques returned by the students attending the program were extremely positive toward it and felt they benefited from the exposure. Manitoba Public Insurance has also observed the benefits of the program as evidenced in their willingness to renew the agreement. The program would continue to operate as it has in the past, as follows:

Winnipeg Police Service:

- Develop and implement the Drivers Edge - Cops as Co-pilots program
- Provide the facility for the course to be conducted in at no additional cost
- Provide Police training vehicles and instructors
- Target novice drivers, who are in the highest risk category of drivers on our roadways.
- Run the program from October 5, 2002 to October 5, 2004.

Manitoba Public Insurance:

- Fund all costs associated with development and support materials
- Provide all administrative duties dealing with course candidates
- Select course candidates
- Provide pre-course information to candidates
- Co-ordinate any publicity that may be required
- Provide funding to the amount of $15,000.00 to cover salaries of the Winnipeg Police Service Instructors
- Funding from Manitoba Public Insurance would contribute approximately 83 % of the cost of salaries and pension benefits up to a maximum of $15,000.00 per year for each of the next two years
- Indemnify the City of Winnipeg and the Winnipeg Police Service from any claims resulting from the operation of this program, except for those claims arising out of willful and/or criminal acts

Council approval is required to renew the existing agreement between the Manitoba Public Insurance and the City of Winnipeg.

The Financial Impact Statement is outlined on Appendix "A".

The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services recommends:

I. That the City of Winnipeg (Winnipeg Police Service) extend the Memorandum of Agreement with the Manitoba Public Insurance to continue the Driver's Edge - Cops as Co-Pilots program for two years, beginning October 5, 2002 and ending October 5, 2004. This program has had a positive impact on the young drivers of Winnipeg who have completed the Driver Education program designed and run by Manitoba Public Insurance.

II. That any further extensions of the Driver's Edge - Cops as Co-Pilots program require approval by the CAO office only.

III. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to effect the intent of the foregoing, including the drafting of the Memorandum of Agreement.

Appendix "A" referred to in Clause 1 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services dated September 9, 2002

Financial Impact Statement:

Project Name: Cops as Co-Pilots

Date: July 23, 2002 First Year of Program **2002**

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
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	$ 4,520	$ 18,075	$ 13,555		
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery	3,750	15,000	11,250		
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ 770	$ 3,075	$ 2,305	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	770	3,075	2,305		
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments: All driver training takes place on overtime hours, for which MPI will be covering 83% of the costs. The benefits of this program far outweigh the incremental expenses, and for this reason the Police Service is willing to absorb expenses which are not covered by MPI.

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