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EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services and submits the following to Council:

1. That the Council Motion of January 25, 2006, be filed, inasmuch as the matter has been addressed in the 2006 Operating Budget.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Steeves,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 10, 2006, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services recommended to Council, that the Council Motion of January 25, 2006, be filed, inasmuch as the matter has been addressed in the 2006 Operating Budget, and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 7, 2006, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services referred the Council motion dated January 25, 2006 for consideration during deliberations on the 2006 Operating Budget.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On January 25, 2006, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services:

Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Smith,

WHEREAS the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) Operation Clean Sweep began in November 2005 and was announced to be a temporary project that would be evaluated toward the end of a 90 day period;

AND WHEREAS the WPS has recently reported the success of Operation Clean Sweep since its beginning on November 21st, 2005, with statistical data of 257 arrests, the seizure of drugs, and over 1000 spot checks, just to name a few examples;

AND WHEREAS the WPS has reorganized resources such as reassigning officers from other districts in order to make Operation Clean Sweep possible;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND WHEREAS to have a lasting positive impact, it is crucial to keep the pressure on organized crime, the gangs, and those involved in the drug trade;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that resources be directed to the WPS to establish Operation Clean Sweep as a permanent unit of the Winnipeg Police Service;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these necessary resources directed to the WPS shall be above and beyond the existing police resources and complement, so as to ensure that the WPS is not placed in the position of reassigning officers from existing police districts or units.