Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – May 17, 2006

REPORTS

Minute No. 395 Neighbourhood Safety and Crime Prevention
File GF-2

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee directed the Chief Administrative Officer to report back to the Standing Policy Committee of Protection and Community Services on or before July 10, 2006, on a comprehensive proposal to address the future neighbourhood safety and crime prevention needs of the City of Winnipeg.

Further, the Executive Policy Committee directed that the Proposal focus on the safety and crime prevention needs of citizens and neighbourhoods with special emphasis on proactive enforcement and crime suppression techniques, incorporating current best practices in policing including:

1. Intelligence Led Policing (COMPSTAT Accountability Model)
   - A.. The gathering, compilation and analysis of intelligence from all available sources as the basis for proactive targeted enforcement strategies in terms of both police deployment and strategic approaches in relation to identified high crime areas, hotspots, and specific individuals involved in criminal activity on an ongoing basis;
   - B. The regular reporting back by senior officers to the Chief on crime and safety in their respective neighbourhoods on their success in reducing crime and public access to the information being gathered on crime and safety statistics on a neighbourhood basis.

2. Evidence Based Policing
   - A. Vigorous ongoing evaluation of strategies and approaches and the development and adoption of scientifically proven best practices based on scientific criteria;
   - B. Scientific measurement of police effectiveness based primarily on “outcomes” as opposed to “outputs.”

3. Community Based Policing
   - A. Building upon existing Police Service community outreach efforts to work with community organizations to ensure local concerns and needs are understood when resource deployment decisions are made by the Service and that a high level of transparency in crime and safety indices being made available to the public.
   - B. The formation of partnerships with academic research entities and other related stakeholders.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Magnifico,

That Rule 9.3 of the Procedure By-law be suspended in order that the following item, which was received too late to be placed on the regular agenda, be considered by Committee.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Steeves,

WHEREAS neighbourhood safety and crime prevention is a paramount concern for the citizens of Winnipeg as highlighted by the remarks of several citizens who spoke out at the recent Winnipeg City Summit;

AND WHEREAS "Operation Clean Sweep" has been successful in placing a focused law enforcement presence in neighbourhoods of high public safety concern;

AND WHEREAS "Operation Clean Sweep" has become a permanent law enforcement operational tool in Winnipeg to combat and prevent crime;

AND WHEREAS the permanent deployment of a street crime unit will allow for rapid response of law enforcement resources to high needs areas or a neighbourhood with emerging problems;

AND WHEREAS citizen perception of safety in their neighbourhood will be enhanced by timely public access to information;

AND WHEREAS The City of Winnipeg and the Winnipeg Police Service are desirous of being accountable to the people of Winnipeg for delivering measurable results to the citizens and taxpayers of Winnipeg

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Administrative Officer report back to the Standing Policy Committee of Protection and Community Services on or before July 10, 2006, on a comprehensive proposal to address the future neighbourhood safety and crime prevention needs of the City of Winnipeg;

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Proposal focus on the safety and crime prevention needs of citizens and neighbourhoods with special emphasis on proactive enforcement and crime suppression techniques, incorporating current best practices in policing including:

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