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REPORTS

Item No. 3 Proposal for the Re-Establishment of Winnipeg Police Commission File GF-2

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On May 8, 2006, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services laid the matter over for thirty (30) days and requested the administration to provide information to the Committee on the potential of establishing a Winnipeg Police Commission, and to also provide an update on Council's decision of May 19, 2004 with respect to the Proposal for the re-establishment of a Winnipeg Police Commission, namely;

1. That the Administration be directed to develop a discussion paper on best practices relating to governance and external oversight respecting police services.

2. That the City of Winnipeg engage in discussions with the Province of Manitoba regarding governance, prior with the Province's review of The Provincial Police Act.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

COUNCIL DECISION:

On May 19, 2004 Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That the administrative report dated May 5, 2004, be received as information.

2. That the Administration be directed to develop a discussion paper on best practices relating to governance and external oversight respecting police services.

3. That the City of Winnipeg engage in discussions with the Province of Manitoba regarding governance, prior with the Province's review of The Provincial Police Act.

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