Report - Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services - November 25, 2002

1. Winnipeg Crime Stoppers
File GF-2 (Vol. 55)

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On December 4, 2002, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services and recommends to Council:

1. That the City of Winnipeg agree to give up legal rights to the name Winnipeg Crime Stoppers.

2. That the City of Winnipeg enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Winnipeg Crime Stoppers Inc.

3. 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 Understanding.

Agenda - Council - December 11, 2002

Report - Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services - November 25, 2002

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 25, 2002, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services concurred in the administrative recommendation.

Re:	**Winnipeg Crime Stoppers**
For submission to:	**Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services**
Original report signed by:	**J. J. Ewatski**
Report date:	**September 18, 2002**
In camera item:	**No**

Recommendation(s):

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Report Summary

Key Issues:

1. The Winnipeg Crime Stoppers Board currently operates under the auspices of the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce. As the Chamber of Commerce has expressed its wish to relinquish its financial responsibility for Winnipeg Crime Stoppers, the Crime Stoppers Board members have determined that they wish to incorporate Winnipeg Crime Stoppers as a separate entity.
2. In order to incorporate, Winnipeg Crime Stoppers requires the consent of the City of Winnipeg to register the name.
3. Should Winnipeg Crime Stoppers incorporate, the original Memorandum of Understanding will no longer be in effect as the functions conducted by the current Crime Stoppers would be vested in a new corporation.

Implications of the Recommendation(s):

General Implications

X None

ð For the organization overall and/or for other departments

ð For the community and/or organizations external to the City of Winnipeg

ð Involves a multi-year contract

Comment:

Policy implications

X No

ð Yes

Comment:

Financial Implications

X Within approved current and/or capital budget

ð Current and/or capital budget adjustment required

Comment:

Report

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Reason for the report:

1. Giving up the legal right to the name Winnipeg Crime Stoppers requires Council approval.
2. Entering into an agreement with Winnipeg Crime Stoppers Inc. requires Council approval.

History:

In 1984, Winnipeg Crime Stoppers established a presence within the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS). In exchange for office space and assistance in its operation, Winnipeg Crime Stoppers provided tips to members of the WPS. These tips dealt for the most part with on-going crime within the City of Winnipeg and, in many cases, identified suspects, and assisted in the recovery of stolen property.

Since its inception, Winnipeg Crime Stoppers has been tremendously successful, being directly responsible for clearing 8,557 cases and the arrest of 4,440 individuals for crimes ranging from theft to homicide. The total value of crime solved, which includes: property recovered, arson, frauds solved and drugs seized, is in excess of $42,703,651.00.

In July 2000, the City of Winnipeg entered into an agreement with the Winnipeg Crime Stoppers Board of the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce. The resulting Memorandum of Understanding set out the relationship between both parties and assigned responsibilities.

In 2001, the Chamber of Commerce expressed its wish to the Crime Stoppers Board to relinquish its financial responsibility for Winnipeg Crime Stoppers. This led the Board members to determine that they wish to incorporate Winnipeg Crime Stoppers as a separate entity, i.e. Winnipeg Crime Stoppers Inc.

Discussion:

Winnipeg Crime Stoppers continues to play an important role in the fight against crime. The partnership established with the WPS has proven to be of great benefit in providing information about crime / suspects that may otherwise never have been obtained. Winnipeg Crime Stoppers offers rewards to those reporting crime and over the years has authorized over $476,000.00 in reward payments. The WPS is not able to afford this type of approach to solving crime without the assistance of Winnipeg Crime Stoppers.

In 2001, the Chamber of Commerce had expressed its wish to the Crime Stoppers Board to relinquish its financial responsibility for Winnipeg Crime Stoppers. This led the Board to seek incorporation as a separate entity, i.e. Winnipeg Crime Stoppers Inc., as they have successfully proven their financial stability and their ability to function on their own. Incorporating requires consent of the City of Winnipeg to register the name Crime Stoppers. The WPS is not opposed to giving up any legal right to this name.

Once Winnipeg Crime Stoppers receives consent, they will incorporate. Once the new Corporation is formed, the current Memorandum of Understanding, approved by Council on August 15, 2000, will no longer be in effect. The WPS will no longer have protection in doing business, if they choose to, with the new Corporation.

The WPS and Winnipeg Crime Stoppers believe that it is in the interest of both parties to enter into an agreement that clearly identifies the nature of responsibilities with respect to the gathering, custody and exchange of information. A new Memorandum of Understanding that provides the same current terms of reference between The City of Winnipeg and the Winnipeg Crime Stoppers will be required.

There will be no additional costs associated with entering into this new agreement. The current budget provides for all required expenditures.

The WPS receives a tremendous advantage through Winnipeg Crime Stoppers. By entering into an agreement with the new Corporation, i.e. Winnipeg Crime Stoppers Inc., the WPS is ensuring continued assistance and support in the fight against crime, with clear guidelines and defined responsibilities.

Financial Impact Statement:

Project Name: Winnipeg Crime Stoppers Inc.

Date: Sept 17,2002 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	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery	-	-	-	-	-
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	-	-	-	-	-
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments: No financial impact in years 2002-2006

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Acting Manager of Finance & Administration

In preparing the report, there was consultation with and concurrence by:

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