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REPORTS

Minute No. 441 Consolidation of Responsibility for Bylaw Enforcement
File GL-1

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee directed the City of Winnipeg Public Service to report back to the Executive Policy Committee in January 2008 with a plan that includes:

1. The consolidation of responsibility for by-law enforcement under one body through the creation of an identifiable stand-alone by-law enforcement unit.

2. The cross-training of by-law enforcement officers in the enforcement of all civic by-laws for which the by-law enforcement unit is responsible and identification of all by-laws for which cross-training cannot be performed.

3. The identification of all by-laws where responsibility for enforcement could be transferred from the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service and Winnipeg Police Service to the by-law enforcement unit.

4. A range of options for increasing by-law enforcement capacity as demonstrated by best practices in other jurisdictions, including Canadian and Manitoban municipalities.

5. Recommendations for ways in which the by-law enforcement unit can work proactively with community partners and stakeholders on by-law enforcement and community safety initiatives, as demonstrated by best practices in other jurisdictions, including Canadian and Manitoban municipalities.

6. An analysis of all other relevant considerations.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Wyatt,

WHEREAS the responsibility for City of Winnipeg by-law enforcement currently lies with multiple civic departments and Special Operating Agencies, including the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service, Winnipeg Police Service, Community Services Department, Planning, Property & Development Department, and Animal Services SOA;

AND WHEREAS unnecessary inefficiencies and red tape result from a fragmented approach to by-law enforcement;

AND WHEREAS these unnecessary inefficiencies and red tape could be eliminated by the creation of an identifiable stand-alone by-law enforcement unit responsible for the enforcement of all City of Winnipeg by-laws including, where practicable, by-laws currently enforced by the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service and the Winnipeg Police Service;

AND WHEREAS it is recognized that increased opportunities exist for cross-training by-law enforcement officers on the enforcement of multiple by-laws;

AND WHEREAS the transfer of responsibility for by-law enforcement from the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service and the Winnipeg Police Service to a by-law enforcement unit would result in increased capacity for Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service members and Winnipeg Police Service members to provide front-line services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to the Executive Policy Committee in January 2008 with a plan that includes:

1. The consolidation of responsibility for by-law enforcement under one body through the creation of an identifiable stand-alone by-law enforcement unit.

2. The cross-training of by-law enforcement officers in the enforcement of all civic by-laws for which the by-law enforcement unit is responsible and identification of all by-laws for which cross-training cannot be performed.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

5. Recommendations for ways in which the by-law enforcement unit can work proactively with community partners and stakeholders on by-law enforcement and community safety initiatives, as demonstrated by best practices in other jurisdictions, including Canadian and Manitoban municipalities.

6. An analysis of all other relevant considerations.

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