INNER CITY SAFETY COALITION

Original Recommendations

Winnipeg City Council is being called upon to adopt the following two motions in order to move forward in an informed and inclusive manner on the need to establish a civilian police commission to provide oversight of the Winnipeg Police Service:

1. The Mayor and Executive Policy Committee of City Council co-sponsor and co-fund a community forum on the best practices of civilian police commissions in the fall of 2007 in partnership with Province of Manitoba and community groups. The forum would serve to better inform citizens, bureaucrats, police and politicians about the best practices of civilian police commissions in the oversight of police services in Canada. It would support the development of a "made in Manitoba" civilian police commission that is based on the best practices in public policy in this field.

2. The Mayor and Executive Policy Committee of City Council work with the Province of Manitoba to establish an inter-governmental committee, with significant representation and public input, to explore the feasibility of establishing a civilian police commission to oversee the operation of the Winnipeg Police Service; and that the proposed inter-governmental committee provide a report by March 31, 2008 outlining options and an implementation plan for a civilian police commission for the City of Winnipeg.

Proposed Revised Recommendations

Following the implementation of the proposed Police Advisory Board,

1. The City of Winnipeg shall participate in a community conference on the best practices of police governance in partnership with the Province of Manitoba and community groups.

2. Winnipeg City Council shall call on the Province of Manitoba to establish an inter-governmental committee on police governance to review the findings of the said community conference as well as other research and pertinent information, and to make recommendations regarding police governance to the City and the Province by December 31, 2008.