Minute No. 679
Report - Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services – October 6, 2008

Item No. 2 North End School Resource Officer Program
E-File GF-2

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services and adopted the following:

1. That the City of Winnipeg enter into an agreement with the Winnipeg School Division and the Province of Manitoba for a renewal of the North End School Resource Officer Program for a three year period from September 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011, subject to all criteria contained in Section 2 of the School Resource Officer Protocol being met.

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Steeves,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 15, 2008, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 6, 2008, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the North End School Resource Officer Program, which consists of three school resource officers (one officer assigned to R.B. Russell School and works with David Livingstone, Norquay and William Whyte schools; one officer assigned to Children of the Earth School, and works with Niji Mahkwa, King Edward and Strathcona schools; one officer assigned to St. John's High School, and works with Isaac Newton, Champlain, Luxton, Machray, Ralph Brown and Inkster schools), was initiated in 2002 and extended for a three year period from September 1, 2005 to June 30, 2008;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has received a request for the renewal of the North End School Resource Officer Program for a three year period from September 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011;

AND WHEREAS the North End School Resource Officer Program pilot project evaluation concluded that the School Resource Officer Program ("SRO Program") has had a positive effect on community crime prevention, neighbourhood safety and relationships between police and youth;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg recognizes the merits of the SRO Program and is supportive in principle of the SRO Program;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg "School Resource Officer Protocol" (the "Protocol") adopted by the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services on July 4, 2008, provides that any request for renewal or expansion of the School Resource Officer Program shall be submitted to Council, through the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services recommends to Council that the City of Winnipeg enter into an agreement with the Winnipeg School Division and the Province of Manitoba for a renewal of the North End School Resource Officer Program for a three year period from September 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011, subject to all criteria contained in Section 2 of the Protocol being met.