STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON

PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

QUESTION PERIOD

Minute No. 226
Councillor Wyatt inquired about the status of the four district model report from the Winnipeg Police Service.

Councillor Gerbasi responded that a council seminar on the report was being scheduled and should take place in April of 2003, and that the Winnipeg Police Service was still exploring options for public consultation.

Councillor Wyatt further questioned if the council seminar would be open to the public and the media to which Councillor Gerbasi replied that the concept of a council seminar is a closed door working session for Councillors only and advised that the report would be released to the media and the public once it had been finalized.

Councillor Wyatt questioned the status of the administrative report on the Pound By-law, to which Councillor Gerbasi advised that delegations had been heard on the subject matter and that the Chief Operating Officer of the Animal Services Special Operating Agency was preparing a report.

In noting that Council had directed that the Pound By-law be reviewed once an agreement with the University of Manitoba regarding the sale of unclaimed dogs for research purposes had been terminated, Councillor Lazarenko inquired about the status of that review.

Councillor Gerbasi advised that the Chief Operating Officer of the Animal Services Special Operating Agency was authoring the report on potential amendments to the Pound By-law, with a view to establishing a schedule of specified penalties, reduce needless euthanization and encourage licensing and responsible pet ownership.

Councillor Lazarenko inquired about a comment made to the media by the Chief Operating Officer of the Animal Services Special Operating Agency relative to reopening the contract with the University of Manitoba, and asked when the Pound By-law amendment would be considered by Council.

Councillor Gerbasi agreed to provide a status update to all Members of Council, noting that the article was focused on the fact that there are issues relative to a low level of licensing compared to other cities, but noted that she did not recall the specific comment regarding renewal of the contract.