Agenda - Executive Policy Committee - March 19, 2009

Report - Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services - March 9, 2009

Item No. 8 Winnipeg Police Advisory Board – Report on 2008 Annual Work Plan
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STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 9, 2009, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services submitted the following to Council:

1. That the Winnipeg Police Advisory Board Report on its 2008 Annual Work Plan be received as information.

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:

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 9, 2009, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services received as information the Winnipeg Police Advisory Board Report on its 2008 Annual Work Plan and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

On February 19, 2009, the Winnipeg Police Advisory Board submitted a report on its 2008 Annual Work Plan as required under the Winnipeg Police Advisory Board By-law No. 180/2007.

Winnipeg Police Advisory Board (WPAB)
Report on 2008 Annual Work Plan

The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services (SPCPCS) received and approved the WPAB 2008 Work Plan on July 4, 2008. This administrative report on the related activities of the Board for the past year is submitted as required under COW by-law 180/2007. A separate document, entitled *Winnipeg Police Advisory Board 2008 Consultations, Report and Recommendations* when adopted, will report on the board's inquiry, research and findings relative to it mandate as stated in the by-law, Section 3(2)a-f.

The following activity occurred relative to the four goals identified in the 2008 work plan:

Goal	Activity
1. To establish the WPAB as a going concern	• Chair and Board members appointed • Executive Director engaged • Office established in City Hall • Policy and procedures established in relation to internal and external communications and in-camera sessions • WPAB public web site Created • Public Board meeting conducted (11) • Local (5) and national (1) workshops attended • Contact with municipal and provincial entities, NGOs
2. To attract public input on Board Mandated issues	• Town Hall meetings held in District 1 in June and District 3 in September • "Contact us" feature available on the WPAB web site. • Publicity generated through media releases
3. To satisfy as many of the WPAB mandate items as is reasonably possible in 2008;	• Board discussions on mandate items 3(2)a and 3(2)b • Research commenced on COW and WPS planning process • Research, discussion and report entitled *Winnipeg Police Advisory Board 2008 Consultations, Report and Recommendations* prepared for submission to the SPCPCS
4. To establish the conditions necessary for the Board to provide regular analysis and advice to Council as anticipated in By-Law 180/2007.	• Positive working relationship developed with WPS • Baseline report commenced on WPS goals and activities toward the current business plan. • Discussion initiated on how/where the WPAB will input into the WPS planning cycle – looking forward • 2009 Work Plan developed relative to specific issues to be researched in the coming year

Specific activities were also identified in the WPAB's 2008 work plan:

1. Develop the structures and processes appropriate to enable the Board to meet its legislated mandate
The assessment of police business plans and targets is a major undertaking if one takes a more traditional "audit" approach, as implied in the WPAB mandate wording of section 3(2)a. Prior to proceeding with this matter a better sense of the overall city planning process must first be developed before one can look at the specific police plans and targets which are a sub-set of the overall city business plans by each respective service. Data on the current year is not available until July of the following year, so one is

always looking back at what police have done using an a balanced scorecard methodology. The City's planning requirements have changed several times over the past decade, and the management and structure of the police service has altered even in this past year. While it has its place, time lags, instability of process and new approaches to service delivery make "looking back" less than a productive and attractive way to provide advice for the future in such a dynamic system. The more attractive question for this Board is "Where can the WPAB best fit into the planning process?" This question will be explored further in 2009.

2. ***Conduct an initial assessment of the resources and reasonable time lines required to address the specific duties of the Board…and continue with such research and reporting on the Section 3(2) items as can be reasonably accomplished in 2008***
3. ***Identify and report on any impediments to the Board which preclude completion of the first annual cycle of the Board's mandate***

Appropriate structure and processes are in place to investigate and report on the Board's mandate items, for the most part. Board members have had limited time and human resources to complete all the required work in their first year, although it is felt that all can be addressed in time.

The conduct of performance measurement in policing is inherently difficult and complicated. Mandate item 3(2) b is perhaps most problematic with the "value for money" evaluation which may require additional resources to complete, although this capacity may exist elsewhere in the City structure.

4. ***Convene "Town Hall" meetings to solicit community input on public safety issues and priorities and report the findings to SPCPCS***

Public meetings were conducted in June and September in Districts 1 and 3. Two additional public sessions are being planned for 2009. There are also many community organizations and groups from which the Board would like to hear, as well as continuing to receive input from the WPS on specific issues.

5. ***Receive and address such other issues as maybe brought to the Board***

The Board investigated the WPS practice when 3rd parties bring information to police or want to report a crime on behalf of another resident. The matter was resolved with a new policy statement being developed and disseminated to remind officers that 3rd party information is to be accepted and channeled to enforcement or intelligence as appropriate.

6. ***Submit an annual report to Council on the activities of the Board for 2008***

In addition to this document, the WPAB is preparing a report that is in the late editing stages entitled *Winnipeg Police Advisory Board 2008 Consultations, Report and Recommendations*. It is hoped this report will be completed, adopted and forwarded to the SPCPCS by April, 2009.

7. ***Develop a budget and work plan for the upcoming year (2009) for the WPAB***

The WPAB expenditures for 2008 fell within the budget provided. The 2008 appropriation should be sufficient for 2009 should the mandate remain unaltered. The draft 2009 work plan will be considered by the Board on February 19, 2009 and submitted when approved.

Submitted on behalf of the Board;

G.D. Forrest, Chairman.
Winnipeg Police Advisory Board