Minute No. 293
Report - Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services – March 9, 2009

Item No. 1 Establishment of a Multi-School Resource Officer Program in the Pembina Trails School Division
eFile 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 (Winnipeg Police Service) enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Pembina Trails School Division to establish a School Resource Officer program.

2. That the complement of the Winnipeg Police Service be increased by two (2) constables for the term of the agreement and additional funds be allocated regarding salaries, benefits, training and equipment to the operating budget. Funds shall be off-set by additional revenue.

3. 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 March 19, 2009, 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 March 9, 2009, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

RE: Establishment of a Multi-School Resource Officer Program in the Pembina Trails School Division

FOR SUBMISSION TO:	**Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services**
ORIGINAL REPORT SIGNED BY:	**D.A Webster, Deputy Chief of Police**
REPORT DATE:	**February 4, 2009**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **That the City of Winnipeg (Winnipeg Police Service) enters into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Pembina Trails School Division to establish a School Resource Officer program.**

2. **That the complement of the Winnipeg Police Service be increased by 2 constables for the term of the agreement and additional funds be allocated regarding salaries, benefits, training and equipment to the operating budget. Funds shall be off-set by additional revenue.**

Report Summary

Key Issues:

- The placement of externally-funded, dedicated police officers in schools has been successful in preventing and reducing crime, developing stronger relationships between youth and police, and has demonstrated an overall impact on communities where this program has been piloted.

Implications of the Recommendation(s):

General Implications

(X) None

( ) For the organization overall and/or for other departments

( ) For the community and/or organizations external to the City

( ) Involves a multi-year contract

Comment(s):

Policy Implications

(X) No

( ) Yes

Comment(s):

Regulatory Implications

(X) None

( ) Eliminates or reduces regulatory impact

( ) Proposes regulatory impact

Comment(s):

Environmental Implications

(X) No

( ) Yes

Comment(s):

Human Resources Implications

( ) No

(X) Yes

Comment(s): WPS complement will be increased by two (2) constables.

Financial Implications

(X) Within approved current and/or capital budget

( ) Current and/or capital budget adjustment required

Comment(s):

Report

REASON FOR THE REPORT:

As per Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services - School Resource Officer Protocol decision on July 4th, 2008 (File GF-2), requests for renewal or expansion of the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program shall be directed to the Chief of Police for review and recommendation.

This report provides information from the Chief of Police regarding a proposal by the Pembina Trails School Division for a Multi-School Resource Officer (MSRO) program.

HISTORY:

The Winnipeg Police Service is committed to the Community Based Policing philosophy in addressing issues of crime prevention and safety in the community, including the school environment. The underlying premise of community policing is that the police service be more proactive and less reactive in addressing the issues of crime and safety.

In 2002 the Winnipeg Police Service entered into a three-year partnership with the North End Community Renewal Corporation (NECRC) and the Winnipeg School Division (WSD). The NECRC and WSD contributed direct funding for the cost of new officer positions created for this project.

This pilot project was evaluated annually and in June 2005 the pilot project was found to be successful in meeting a number of qualitative objectives such as:

- Enhancements to neighbourhood safety;
- Provision of a strategic crime prevention resource;
- Strengthened relationships between youth and police; and
- SROs representing an effective and community based, proactive crime prevention strategy.

DISCUSSION:

On January 23rd, 2009, a representative from the Pembina Trails School Division met with Winnipeg Police Service members to discuss a new Multi-School Resource Officer project for 4 High Schools and 10 feeder schools within Pembina Trails School Division. The project calls for two (2) Police Officers to work as School resource Officers (SROs).

The SROs will work out of the following High Schools and have responsibility to work with the identified high, middle and elementary feeder schools:

- Oak Park High School and will be also responsible for Shaftsbury High School.
  - River West Park (K-9)
  - Westdale (Middle)
  - Charleswood (Middle)
  - Linden Meadows (K-8)
  - Van Wallegham (K-8)

- Fort Richmond High School and will be also responsible for Vincent Massey Collegiate.
  - Acadia Junior High (7-9)
  - Arthur A. Leach Junior High (7-9)
  - General Byng (K-9)
  - Viscount Alexander Ecole (5-9)
  - Henry G. Izatt (5-9)

A management committee consisting of representatives from the Winnipeg Police Service, Pembina Trails School Division and the community will oversee this program. The committee will have two representatives from the Winnipeg Police Service, two representatives from the Pembina Trails School Division, a representative from the Province of Manitoba, two representatives form the community at large and two students from the schools included in the program as appointed by the School Division. The committee will meet prior to implementation and then regularly as determined by the committee members.

This agreement will comply with all requirements of Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services - School Resource Officer Protocol as agreed to on July 4th, 2008 (File GF-2)

In addition the Pembina Trails School division will provide in-kind services including appropriate and adequate office space, telephone and computer access, with internet capability, in the designated home and feeder schools.

The Memorandum of Agreement will stipulate that payments will be made quarterly and due within 30 days of the dates indicated. The Memorandum of Agreement will include an escape clause wherein any party may terminate the agreement without compensation or penalty upon 30 days notice in writing to the other parties.

The role of the SRO shall be focused on prevention, education and maintaining the peace in the schools and the adjacent community. The SROs will be selected to work in the schools based on their qualifications, skills and experience. The SROs will be assigned to work full time in the above noted schools for a three-year period commencing September 1, 2009 to June 30th, 2012.

The management committee will oversee the yearly evaluations of the program. The committee will be responsible for hiring an external evaluation resource consultant, establish the criteria to be used in the evaluation and the funding for the evaluation.

Financial Impact Statement

Date: February 10, 2009

Project Name:
School Resource Officers Pembina Trails

First Year of Program **2009**

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Funding Sources:					
Debt - Internal	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Debt - External	-	-	-	-	-
Grants (Enter Description Here)	-	-	-	-	-
Reserves, Equity, Surplus	-	-	-	-	-
Other - Enter Description Here	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funding	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -				
Total Additional Debt Required	$ -				
Current Expenditures/Revenues					
Direct Costs	$ 58,210	$ 118,166	$ 121,710	$ 61,755	$ -
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery	58,210	118,166	121,710	61,755	-
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	58,210	118,166	121,710	61,755	-
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ (58,210)	$ (118,166)	$ (121,710)	$ (61,755)	$ -

Additional Comments: Direct costs consist of salary and benefits for two, 2nd - 3rd class constables. These salary dollars have already been budgeted for in the 2009 - 2011 Budget Estimates.

original signed by: Maureen Demkey
Acting Manager of Finance & Administration

IN PREPARING THIS REPORT THERE WAS:

Internal Consultation With and Concurrence By: N/A

External Consultation With: N/A

THIS REPORT SUBMITTED BY:

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Division	Executive Offices
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