STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON

PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

QUESTION PERIOD

Minute No. 617
Councillor Vandal requested an update on the issue of tasers in the City of Winnipeg.

Councillor Steeves replied that the report would be at the next meeting of the standing committee and that the Winnipeg Police Service would be at the meeting and would be giving a full report on the Braidwood Inquiry, the inquiry set up in British Columbia following the death of an individual at the Vancouver Airport.

Councillor Vandal noted that there seemed to be some momentum to purchase a police helicopter for Police Services and questioned if the Chairperson was a supporter of this initiative.

Councillor Steeves replied that personally he had concerns about the costs, but would like to see the report first, and further stated that it would likely require funding assistance from other levels of government.

Councillor Smith questioned if the last taser shooting was in violation of the policy that had been adopted after hearing from the manufacturer; to which Councillor Steeves responded that he had no indication that anything done was outside of the policy or in any way contravened any law.