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Item No. 3 Funding for New Cadet Positions
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COUNCIL DECISION:

On January 27, 2010, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Gerbasi,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has budgeted approximately $3.5 million in Capital dollars towards the purchase of a Police Helicopter;

AND WHEREAS Council has now been informed that today's annual operating costs of the said helicopter are approximately $1.3 million a year and subject to inflationary cost increases;

AND WHEREAS Council will consider requesting the Province of Manitoba to fund these said operating costs and future inflationary cost increases;

AND WHEREAS within the most recent collective agreement with the Winnipeg Police Association, the City of Winnipeg has obtained the ability to establish a Police Cadet Unit of up to 200 Cadets;

AND WHEREAS the Cadets will improve service to the citizens of Winnipeg by increasing the Winnipeg Police Service's (WPS) police presence in Downtown Winnipeg and other neighbourhoods in Winnipeg, assist the WPS in day to day duties as determined by the WPS, and will provide these services above and beyond the existing level of service at an economical cost to ratepayers when compared to conventional policing costs;

AND WHEREAS the Cadets will assist the WPS in its succession planning by acting as a potential pool of new recruits for the regular police service, thus further strengthening the existing WPS;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg request the Province of Manitoba to directly fund 50 new Police Cadet positions, including any future inflationary cost increases for the salaries and services of the said positions;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funding for another 50 new Police Cadet positions be included in the City of Winnipeg 2010 Operating Budget, thus establishing the total complement target for the new Police Cadet Unit in 2010 to be 100 Cadets.