Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – March 17, 2010

OPERATING BUDGET REVIEW

Minute No. 218 Funding for 50 new Police Cadet Positions
eFile GF-2

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee did not concur in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services and recommends to Council:

1. That the February 24, 2010 Council Motion pertaining to funding for 50 new Police Cadet positions being included in the 2010 Operating Budget, be received as information.

(See Minute 221)

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Fielding,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services not be concurred in and that the Executive Policy Committee recommend to Council that the matter of the funding for 50 new Police Cadet positions be received as information.

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 8, 2010, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services recommended to the Executive Policy Committee and Council:

1. That the Council Motion of February 24, 2010, pertaining to funding for 50 new Police Cadet positions being included in the City of Winnipeg 2010 Operating Budget, be concurred in with the following understanding:

    A. That the Whereas paragraph outlining that no funds were included in the 2010 Preliminary Operating Budget be deleted and replaced with the following:

    "AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg and Province of Manitoba already have a mutual understanding on various levels of city and provincial partnerships with respect to housing, libraries, leasing and recreation, that the governments enter into a program for public safety;"

COUNCIL DECISION:

On February 24, 2010, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services:

Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Browaty,

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;

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

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;

AND WHEREAS no funds were included in the 2010 Preliminary Operating Budget for the purpose of funding Police Cadet positions, and that this is a lost opportunity to improve community safety considering the recent improvement in the collective agreement;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that funding for 50 new Police Cadet positions be included in the City of Winnipeg 2010 Operating Budget.