Minute No. 549
Report - Standing Policy Committee on Property and Community Services – June 28, 2010

Item No. 1 Memorandum of Understanding between the Province of Manitoba Sheriffs Services and the Winnipeg Police Service regarding the processing of prisoners arrested on court generated warrants
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COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services and adopted the following:

1. That a negotiated Memorandum of Understanding be approved to allow the Winnipeg Police Service to work in partnership with the Province of Manitoba Sheriffs Services to implement and utilize strategies allowing Sheriffs Officers to assist in processing persons arrested on court generated warrants.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City of Winnipeg be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Pagtakhan,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 14, 2010, 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 June 28, 2010, 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Issue: **Memorandum of Understanding between the Province of Manitoba Sheriffs Services and the Winnipeg Police Service regarding the processing of prisoners arrested on court generated warrants.**

Critical Path: **Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services – Executive Policy Committee – Council**

AUTHORIZATION

Author	Department Head	CFO	CAO
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RECOMMENDATIONS

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REASON FOR THE REPORT

City Council approval is required to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Province of Manitoba Sheriffs Services.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- In the negotiated agreement, the parties have developed a process that allows Sheriffs Services to assist in processing persons arrested on court generated warrants at 408

York to provide efficiencies to both the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) and Province of Manitoba Sheriffs Services.

- There are no costs associated with the initiative.

HISTORY

In the fall of 2009, the Winnipeg Police Service recognized inefficiencies regarding persons arrested by Sheriff Officers. Frequently persons who are facing criminal charges attend court at 408 York Avenue where it is discovered that they are subject of an existing warrant of arrest. Sheriff Officers arrest these persons, who then wait in the custody of Sheriff Services until a WPS General Patrol unit can be assigned to take custody.

The call for service often waits for hours before a General Patrol unit is available, and due to day shift units being unavailable, often it is evening shift General Patrol units that are dispatched. It is not unusual for the Sheriffs Officers to arrest more than one person a day, and to subsequently turn 3 or 4 persons over at once. Removing 3 or 4 General Patrol units from service at the beginning of evening shift, usually the busiest shift for the WPS, often causes the dispatch queue to build and overall response time to increase.

This occurs approximately 29 times per month, and approximately two thirds of these warrants could be dealt with by an external agency. A new proposal has been developed wherein the bulk of the processing of these warrants will be completed by Sheriff Services.

By eliminating the need for General Patrol Units to execute court generated warrants, the workload of WPS front line resources will be reduced, thereby assisting in reducing response times and increasing availability.

Sheriff Services have agreed to implement the new proposal.

There is no cost to this proposal.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement **Date:** April 20, 2010

Project Name: **First Year of Program** **2010**

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
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	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery	-	-	-	-	-
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	-	-	-	-	-
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments: There is no financial impact associated with this initiative.

original signed by Ron Smolik
Department Controller

CONSULTATION

In preparing this report there was consultation with:

Province of Manitoba Sheriffs Services
City of Winnipeg Legal Services Division

SUBMITTED BY

Department: Winnipeg Police Service
Division: Organizational Development and Support – Strategic Initiatives
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