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Minute No. 63
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services – November 15, 2010

Item No. 1 New Capital Project for 2010 and Transfer of Funding for the Canine Unit facility

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services and submits the following to Council:

1. That a new capital project be created for 2010 titled Canine Unit facility with a total budget of up to $1,250,000 and that funding for this project be transferred from the following 2010 Capital project sources:

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   C. $100,000 from the Winnipeg Police Service unspecified Capital Account.

2. That the facility be constructed at the East District Station at 1750 Dugald Road.

3. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all the things necessary to implement the intent of the forgoing.

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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 concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 15, 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: New capital project for 2010 and transfer of funding for the Canine Unit facility

Critical Path: SPC PCS – EPC – Council

AUTHORIZATION

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RECOMMENDATIONS

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REASON FOR THE REPORT

Council approval is required to set up and transfer capital budgets within a fiscal year.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- WPS Canine Unit does not have a permanent kennel facility and has not had one since the fall of 2009.

HISTORY

The Winnipeg Police Service Canine Unit has been in existence for over 40 years. The members of this Unit and their Canine partners are a dedicated and valuable resource that provides continuous support for frontline police members. The Unit currently consists of 10 Police members and 14 canines.

The canines are trained in different elements of police work. In addition to patrol duties which include tracking and apprehension, the Canine Unit assists in areas of specialized detection, including explosives and narcotics. Throughout the existence of the Unit, the handlers and dogs have been credited with hundreds of arrests and the laying of hundreds of criminal charges.

The WPS Canine Unit is also looked to nationally and internationally for training expertise in all fields of canine policing. Each Canine is trained to exceptional standards and is worth approximately $40,000.00 when fully trained.

However, the Unit has been without appropriate accommodations for some time. As a unit in the Division 14 complement, for several years, the Canine Unit was housed at the police station located at 730 Pandora Avenue.

As the City of Winnipeg does not have a suitable building in its portfolio that can be converted into a Canine facility, temporary kennels were placed at EDS in November 2009. The accommodations constructed consist of three temporary kennels on the small green space within the secure parking area of the EDS. However, these facilities are inadequate and new facilities for the Unit are not included in the WPS budget until 2014.

There exists an immediate opportunity to provide a permanent facility that can accommodate all the current codes, technology and Police methodology, as well as the current gender demographics of the Police Service. It is vital that a proper facility be constructed to house and maintain the Canine Unit, allowing the WPS to address not only the immediate needs but also those associated to its evolution well into the future.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement **Date:** Nov 10/10

Project Name: Canine Unit facility **First Year of Program** **2010**

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required	$ 1,250,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs		-	-	-	-
Additional Capital Budget Required	$ 1,250,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Funding Sources:					
Debt - Internal Existing Capital Budgets		$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Debt - External	-	-	-	-	-
Grants (Enter Description Here)	-	-	-	-	-
Existing 2010 capital Budgets	1,150,000	-	-	-	-
Other - Polce Unspecified Capital	100,000	-	-	-	-
Total Funding	$ 1,250,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Additional Capital Budget Required	$ 1,250,000				
Total Additional Debt Required	$ -				
Current Expenditures/Revenues					
Direct Costs	$ 161,000	$ 161,000	$ 161,000	$ 161,000	$ 161,000
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery	-	-	-	-	-
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ 161,000	$ 161,000	$ 161,000	$ 161,000	$ 161,000
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	161,000	161,000	161,000	161,000	161,000
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments: Funding for the canine unit facility will derive from the following 3 sources. 1) Police capital radio project $850,000 2) Police priority dispatch project $300,000 and Police unspecified capital of $100,000. Included are debt and financing costs estimated at 10% per year, ($125,000)but are provided for in the capital budgets where these funds are being taken from. Additional operating costs due to utilities, cleaning are required. $36,000. This will be absorbed within the Police Budget.

original signed by Ron Smolik Nov 10/10
Controller/Manager of Finance

CONSULTATION

In preparing this Report there was consultation with:

SUBMITTED BY

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Division:	Finance Division
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