Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – March 2, 2011

REPORTS

Item No. 4 Proposed Winnipeg Police Board By-law – The Police Services Act

COUNCIL DECISION:

On February 23, 2011, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Wyatt,

WHEREAS the sections of The Police Services Act that will change the way the City of Winnipeg runs its police service have not yet been proclaimed;

AND WHEREAS these sections of The Police Services Act may be proclaimed at any time with the City of Winnipeg needing to be prepared to undertake its responsibilities under this Act;

AND WHEREAS under section 30 of The Police Services Act, a by-law must establish the size of the police board charged to oversee the City of Winnipeg Police Service with a minimum of 7 members appointed;

AND WHEREAS two (2) members of the Winnipeg police board are appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council and the City of Winnipeg Council appoints the remaining members;

AND WHEREAS no more than fifty percent (50%) may be employees or councillors appointed to the police board;

AND WHEREAS City Council should be acting in advance and thinking about how and who is appointed to the police board;

AND WHEREAS a City of Winnipeg police board needs to have councillors that represent all the communities across the city;

AND WHEREAS inner city representation needs to be reflected on the police board;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT to be as prepared as possible, a draft by-law be created to include the following elements:

1) In addition to the two (2) members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the City of Winnipeg Council appoint ten (10) more members on the police board according to the following provisions:

    i) Have each community committee appoint one Councillor from each of the five community committees with an emphasis on selecting inner city Councillors each time a Councillor needs to be appointed;

    ii) Appoint the CAO or CAO designate as an employee representative of the City of Winnipeg;

    iii) Utilizing any regulation or guidelines set out by the Province of Manitoba under The Police Services Act, through an application process, appoint four (4) members from communities around the city to be recommended to City Council by a committee made of one representative from each community committee and the Mayor struck each time new community members are to be appointed.

2) Designate the City employee as the chairperson and a senior city Councillor as the vice-chairperson.

3) As indicated by section 33 in The Police Services Act, set out a clause allowing the police board to set its own procedures within the parameters of the Act.

4) Set the number of police board meetings to 11 monthly meetings excluding the month of prorogue.