Minute No. 157
Report - Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services - January 13, 2003

Item No. 1 Winnipeg Police Service Reorganization
GF-2 and FC(2003)

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services that the motion referred by Council on December 11, 2002, with respect to a proposed Winnipeg Police Service reorganization be filed.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Gerbasi,

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

Councillor Wyatt called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: His Worship Mayor Murray, Councillors Eadie, Angus, Clement, De Smedt, Gerbasi, Pagtakhan, Steeves, Thomas and Vandal 10

Nay: Councillors Lubosch, Smith, Steek, Wyatt, and Lazarenko 5

and the motion for adoption of the item was declared carried.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 22, 2003, 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 January 13, 2003, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services did not concur in the motion referred by Council on December 11, 2002, with respect to a proposed Winnipeg Police Service reorganization and recommended that the matter be filed, and submitted its recommendation to Executive Policy Committee and Council.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL:

On December 11, 2002, 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 Smith,

WHEREAS the Police Service has been directed to include funding in the 2003 Capital Budget to Study and look at the Design/Engineering requirements for a new mega Police Station in St. Boniface;

AND WHEREAS any changes to the Police organization will have a huge impact on the neighbourhoods and communities of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS any new model for police operations should first be considered at the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services and subject to an extensive public consultation process;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council will not direct any funds in its 2003 Current Budget or its 2003 Capital Budget and future Capital/Current Budgets for any plan to reorganize the Winnipeg Police Service, whether it be a four District Model or any other recommendations, until such a proposal has first been considered by the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services and Council;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT any changes for Police Service reorganization be sent to the Community Committees for local public input prior to the adoption of a new model by the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services and Council;

AND THEREFOR BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT city wide public hearings/consultations be conducted and that the results of such hearings will be taken into consideration and adopted in any final model to be sent to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services and Council.