REPORT OF THE

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

DATED SEPTEMBER 10, 2001

On motion of Councillor Gerbasi, the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services, dated September 10, 2001, was considered clause by clause.

Moved by Councillor Gerbasi,
That the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 and 8, be adopted.

Councillor Gerbasi requested that Clauses 5 and 8 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

The motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2,3,4,6 and 7 was put and declared carried.

Agreement to receive funding from Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation for the Winnipeg Police Service RoadWatch Program
File GF-2 (Vol. 54)

844 - 1. The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services has been advised that since 1998, the City of Winnipeg has entered into agreements with the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation (MPI) to partially fund the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) RoadWatch program. In this program, WPS members conduct random roadside safety checks for impaired drivers in efforts to raise public awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving, increase the likelihood of apprehending impaired drivers, and reduce the number of alcohol-related accidents, injuries and death.

In 1998, MPI cost-shared RoadWatch by supplying funds to pay the wages of four WPS officers for their involvement in the RoadWatch program. The City contributed the funds to pay the wages of the other four on-duty WPS officers for their involvement in the program. In 1999 and 2000, MPI supplied funds to pay the wages of all nine WPS officers for their involvement in the program.

The WPS supports the RoadWatch program and through funding provided by MPI, can set up a significantly greater number of RoadWatch checks by providing trained personnel working overtime hours. In the 2001 Agreement, the WPS agrees to use its best efforts to operate RoadWatch checks during each calendar week of the term of the agreement. Similar to previous years, the WPS is responsible for the administration of this program as it relates to staffing, enforcement locations and enforcement procedure. A degree of flexibility in the hours and dates of operation will be maintained by the WPS to allow for unforeseen circumstances.

MPI has indicated, as in previous years, a desire to pay the City on a monthly basis as invoiced by the WPS. In 2001, MPI has agreed to fund the costs of overtime wages paid to any WPS officer as a result of his or her involvement with the RoadWatch program, to a maximum amount payable by MPI to the City of $155,000.00. A minimum of five officers will be deployed for each RoadWatch location.

Overtime wages will be calculated at a rate of 1.5 times the officer's regular rate of pay for the first ten hours, and two times the regular rate of pay for any time in excess of ten hours. MPI will also compensate the City for the cost of providing employee benefits to these officers, at a rate of 9.9% of any wages paid.

The cost of court-related overtime incurred as a result of this program will be the responsibility of the City, as will the costs associated with WPS vehicles and equipment. This agreement will substantially assist the WPS in providing a law enforcement presence targeting impaired drivers throughout the summer and fall of 2001.

City Council approval is required to enter into agreements with other levels of government or outside agencies.

The Financial Impact Statement is outlined on Appendix "A".

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The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services recommends:

I. That the City of Winnipeg enter into an agreement with the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation to receive funding to support the Winnipeg Police Service "RoadWatch" program. The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation will contribute funds for partial costs of the "RoadWatch" program, which targets impaired drivers through enhanced random roadside sobriety checks, to a maximum of $155,000.00.

II. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to effect the intent of the foregoing, including the drafting of a Memorandum of Agreement.

Adopted by consent.

Amendment to Fire Prevention By-law No. 1322/76

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845 - 2. The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services has been advised that currently, only the Chief and Deputy Chiefs of the Fire Paramedic Service have authority to sign orders requiring owners or occupiers of property to take specific actions to comply with the Fire Prevention By-law No. 1322/76 (including the Manitoba Fire Code). Obtaining their signatures can entail delays and adds unnecessarily to the workload of these officials.

The proposal to authorize the Director of Fire Prevention to sign compliance orders would facilitate enforcement of the Fire Prevention By-law (which includes the Manitoba Fire Code) by ensuring that compliance orders are issued promptly. It would also ease the paperwork burden of the Chief and Deputy Chief. A similar power to issue compliance orders under other by-laws is held by counterparts of the Director of Fire Prevention in other City departments.

The other amendments are of a "housekeeping" nature. They do not entail any substantive change to current practice and will not negatively affect owners or occupants of property in the City. The principal amendment would incorporate into the By-law the 1998 Manitoba Fire Code, which is currently being enforced in the City. Additional amendments clarify the meaning of terms used in the By-law and the Manitoba Fire Code.

The proposal requires changes to the Fire Prevention By-law and must be approved by Council.

The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services recommends:

I. That the Fire Prevention By-law No. 1322/76 be amended to permit the Director of Fire Prevention to sign orders under The City of Winnipeg Fire Prevention By-Law.

II. That several other amendments of a "housekeeping" nature be made to the Fire Prevention By-law No. 1322/76.

III. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to effect the intent of the foregoing.

Adopted by consent.

Request for name change of Chief Operating Officer, Fire Paramedic Service to Fire & Paramedic Chief

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846 - 3. The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services has been advised that during the past 3 years, the Fire Paramedic Service Department has undergone significant restructuring towards a more fully amalgamated organization. This evolution has resulted in the following:

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- One common management structure as opposed to two separate systems for fire services and emergency medical services;

- Departmental name change from "Emergency Response Service" to "Fire Paramedic Service" to better reflect the services provided to the community and to help the community identify better with the department; and

- One common shoulder flash/corporate identifier as opposed to two separate flashes for uniforms, vehicles and signs (one for Ambulance Department and one for Fire Department).

At the time of amalgamation of the Winnipeg Ambulance Department and the Winnipeg Fire Department in 1997, Council established the title of 'Chief Operating Officer' for the head of the new Emergency Response Service Department. At that time, the position of Chief Operating Officer encompassed the duties of the former positions of Fire Chief and Director of Emergency Medical Services. When the department's name changed to the Fire Paramedic Service, the title of 'Chief Operating Officer' was retained.

There are three main reasons for the change:

1. The new title better reflects the duties and responsibilities associated with the position.

2. The new title will help the public better identify the services provided by the department and more easily identify the office holder as head of the department.

3. The name is similar to that used in other North American cities where fire services and emergency medical services are amalgamated into a single department.

The fire fighters' union and the paramedics' union have been consulted about the proposed change in the title of the head of the department. Both unions support the change.

The proposed change requires various by-law amendments and must be approved by Council.

The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services recommends:

I. That the title "Chief Operating Officer of Fire Paramedic Service" be changed to "Fire & Paramedic Chief".

II. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to effect the intent of the foregoing.

Adopted by consent.

Community Incentive Grant Application - Fort Whyte Centre (Transcona Community Bioreserve

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847 - 4. The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services has been advised that the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee, at its meeting on July 17, 2001, considered an application from the Fort Whyte Centre for a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $7,000.00, to assist with the cost of a Transcona Community Bioreserve on Gunn Road.

The application does not meet the eligibility criteria contained in the Community Incentive Grant Program.

The East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee recommended approval of a Community Incentive Grant to the Fort Whyte Centre in the amount of $7,000.00, for the purpose requested.

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The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services concurred in the recommendation of the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee, and recommends:

I. That the following eligibility criteria for the Community Incentive Grant Program, be waived in this instance, namely:-

a) The organization is to be a non-profit community recreation and sport organization or a non-profit organization offering recreational services;

II. That a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $7,000.00, not to exceed a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of the total project cost, be approved to the Fort Whyte Centre for the purpose requested, subject to the following conditions:

a) Confirmation of other funding sources;

b) Approval of final plans and specifications for the project by the Director; and

c) The applicant entering into a formal agreement with the City of Winnipeg.

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

Adopted by consent.

Community Incentive Grant Application - North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren Church

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848 - 5. The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services has been advised that the City Centre Community Committee, at its meeting on September 4, 2001, considered an application from the North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren Church for a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $84,000.00, to assist with the cost of a multi-purpose room.

The application does not meet the eligibility criteria contained in the Community Incentive Grant Program.

The City Centre Community Committee recommended approval of a Community Incentive Grant to the North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren Church in the amount of $20,000.00, as a second charge against the 2002 allocation, for the purpose requested.

The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services concurred in the recommendation of the City Centre Community Committee, and recommends:

I. That the following eligibility criteria for the Community Incentive Grant Program, be waived in this instance, namely:-

a) The organization is to be a non-profit community recreation and sport organization or a non-profit organization offering recreational services.

II. That a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $20,000.00, as a second charge against the 2002 allocation, not to exceed a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of the total project cost, be approved to the North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren Church for the purpose requested, subject to the following conditions:

a) Confirmation of other funding sources;

b) Approval of final plans and specifications for the project by the Director; and

c) The applicant entering into a formal agreement with the City of Winnipeg.

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

The Executive Policy Committee recommends that the recommendations of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services not be concurred in.

Moved by Councillor Gerbasi,
That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services be adopted.

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

Yea: Councillors O'Shaughnessy, Lazarenko, De Smedt, Gerbasi, Lubosch, Prystanski, Smith, Steek, Steeves, Deputy Mayor Thomas, Vandal. 11

Nay: Councillors Angus, Clement, Eadie and His Worship Mayor Murray. 4

and the motion for adoption of the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services was declared carried.

Changes to the mandate and formula of the Library Reserve Fund
File L-1 (Vol. 16)

849 - 6. On December 14, 1994, Council approved the following recommendations:

- That a Library Reserve Fund for fees collected on overdue material be created.
- That the Library Department only retain and deposit in a Library Reserve Fund, the increase in fine revenue on overdue material that has resulted from automating the system.
- That the yearly interest retained on the fine revenue retained by the department, plus 20% of the prior year's fine revenue, be used to upgrade the library's technological base.

On March 25, 1998, Council changed the terms of the Library Reserve Fund to allocate revenues generated from overdue fines, replacement fees for lost items, room rentals, non resident fees and photocopy fees (currently allocated to general revenues) to a special reserve fund dedicated for ongoing technological improvements within the Libraries Department.

On October 30, 2000, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services requested the Administration to report back on proposed amendments with respect to an expanded policy statement for the Library Reserve Fund.

Since 1994, the Library Reserve Fund has been used exclusively to upgrade, enhance and expand the technological base of the Library. The Library Services Division has purchased new computers and microfilm readers, paid for fibre-optic connections, and made other technological enhancements to the system.

The challenge facing the Library Services Division today is to continue to meet public expectations for improved services within budget guidelines. In order to achieve this objective, the Library Services Division must find new ways to meet some of the costs associated with delivering these services.

The broadening of the mandate of the Library Reserve Fund would allow the Library Service Division to manage the costs associated with providing the public with information in the new technology-based formats and provide for facility enhancements related to the introduction of new technologies.

The Library Services Division is undergoing significant changes in the type and format of materials being requested by the public as technological access to information expands. The public is requesting new formats including CD-ROMs, DVDs, E-Books and E-Journals.

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As well, there are often one-time costs related to upgrading libraries to accommodate technological changes. For example, as a result of technology, circulation counters in branches need to be replaced to accommodate computers and security systems.

The current formula of the Library Reserve Fund stipulates that 20% of the prior year's fine revenue, plus the yearly interest of the fine revenue generated by the Reserve, are available to the Library Services Division. The formula as originally approved, did not anticipate the rapid evolution of technologies and related expenditures.

The removal of the current formula is required to ensure that the Library Services Division has access to the necessary funds to support the new non-print formats driven by technology, provide for related facility enhancements and continue to ensure that the technological needs are being met.

To ensure that the Library Reserve Fund continues to grow, and provide a fiscally responsible means of supporting library service needs, it is recommended that the Library Services Division be allowed to access up to $500,000.00 from the Library Reserve Fund on an annual basis.

On an annual basis it is estimated that the Library Services Division will need approximately $300,000.00 - $400,000.00 to replace, upgrade and expand the existing computer applications. In addition, approximately $100,000.00 would be needed on an annual basis to support the new non-print formats driven by technology and the related facility enhancements.

The Library Reserve Fund currently contains approximately $2,275,000.00 in its accrued capital account, as of December 31, 2000. No financial impact statement is required as a result of these changes.

City Council approval is required to change the mandate and formula of the Library Reserve Fund.

The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services recommends:

I. That the mandate of the Library Reserve Fund be expanded beyond its current criteria to include expenditures related to electronic resources and other new non-print formats driven by technology, and facility enhancements related to the introduction of new technologies.

II. That the current Library Reserve Fund formula, as it relates to the access of reserve funds, be removed.

III. That the Library Services Division be allowed to access up to $500,000.00 annually from the Library Reserve Fund to support ongoing technological needs, electronic resources, new non-print formats and associated enhancements to facilities as a result of new technologies.

IV. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to effect the intent of the foregoing.

Adopted by consent.

Request for Waiver of Fees for Rental of the Sherbrook Pool by the Sherbrook Sharks Swim Club

File PR-2.10 (Vol. 11)

850 - 7. The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services considered a request from the President of the Sherbrook Sharks Swim Club to waive the fees in the amount of $9,200.00, in 2001 - 2002, associated with the rental of the Sherbrook Pool.

On September 9, 1998, Council adopted the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services dated August 24, 1998, which recommended that the fees and charges in the amount of $9,000.00 associated with the rental of the Sherbrook Pool for 1999, by the Sherbrook Sharks, be waived.

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On September 22, 1999, Council adopted the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services dated September 7, 1999, which recommended that the fees and charges in the amount of $7,500.00 associated with the rental of the Sherbrook Pool for 1999 - 2000, by the Sherbrook Sharks, be waived.

On September 20, 2000, Council adopted the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services dated September 7, 2000, which recommended that the fees and charges in the amount of $9,200.00 associated with the rental of the Sherbrook Pool for 2000 - 2001 by the Sherbrook Sharks Swim Club, be waived.

On September 10, 2001, Mr. Randy Conway, President of the Sherbrook Sharks Swim Club, appeared in delegation before the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services. He provided the 2001 - 2002 Swim Club budget which included estimated costs for the year.

The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services recommends:

I. That the fees and charges in the amount of $9,200.00, associated with the rental of the Sherbrook Pool by the Sherbrook Sharks Swim Club for 2001-2002, be waived.

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

Adopted by consent.

Request to establish an ongoing Fire and Arson Investigation Unit
File GF-1 (Vol. 19)

851 - 8. The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services has been advised that between 1992 and 1999, the City of Winnipeg was faced with a chronic arson problem. In the fall of 1999, the Arson Strike Force was formed with a mandate of investigation and arrests specific to arson related issues. On June 21, 2000, Council adopted the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated June 14, 2000, with respect to "Building Safer Communities". As a result, the integrated unit was formed and all Departments were asked to dedicate resources from within existing budgets.

Prior to the creation of the Arson Strike Force, each of the agencies that comprise the Arson Strike Force, the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS), the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service (WFPS) and the Provincial Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC), operated in isolation of each other on fire/arson investigations. WFPS would extinguish the fire, the OFC determined the cause and origin, and WPS would lay charges and/or make arrests as necessary. This approach was not as effective as the successes subsequently realized from a more coordinated inter-agency approach solely dedicated to investigating fires and solving arson crimes.

Since its inception, the Arson Strike Force has conducted 1100 investigations resulting in 504 charges being laid, 168 cautions to youths and children, and 135 referrals to the Youth Fire Stop program.

Within the Building Safer Communities initiative, several other City of Winnipeg departments including Water and Waste, Corporate Services, Community Services, WFPS and WPS, established a joint task force to fight the immediate arson problem through proactive neighbourhood clean-up and public education programs. Nearly all of these initiatives except for the Arson Strike Force have ceased or taken another form. Both the WFPS and the WPS have borne the cost of maintaining this unit and cannot afford to continue.

The Arson Strike Force originally consisted of a police Detective Sergeant, four police constables, five fire fighters and two fire investigators from the OFC. Soon after the establishment of the unit, it was realized that the original strength of the unit was insufficient to adequately investigate the extremely high number of arsons that required attention. As a result, an additional five police constables were added to the unit in November 1999. Since then, the staff levels have reverted back to their original levels.

Combined with other existing programs such as Learn Not to Burn, Youth Fire Stop and Crime Stoppers, and the successful initiatives by other civic departments, the success of the Arson Strike Force in terms of those arrested and charged has helped to drastically reduce the number of arsons.

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The success of the Arson Strike Force has shown that by providing an integrated approach to fire investigation and suppression, coupled with other prevention initiatives, the criminal incidence of fire can be reduced.

Members from the WFPS have gained knowledge on how to assist the WPS in interviewing victims and witnesses and gathering evidence. Similarly, the WPS has gained knowledge related to fire behaviour from WFPS staff. Together, this temporary unit has proven to be much more effective than the previous methods of investigating fires.

Unfortunately, the Arson Strike Force was established as a temporary unit. Its continuance has drawn staff resources from other investigative or primary response units. Returning both fire and police staff to their regular assignments would effectively eliminate or negate the potential successes of the proposed cooperative initiative and would reduce the extraordinary results the Arson Strike Force has achieved.

In order to continue to be effective in decreasing the incidence of fire, it will be necessary to increase the WPS complement by one Detective Sergeant and four constable positions, and the current WFPS by five fire fighters. However, in an attempt to maintain current budget goals, finding outside funding for these units is likely the only way in which this collaborative effort can succeed.

In Manitoba, the OFC is charged with the responsibility of investigating and determining the cause and origin of all building fires within the Province. In practice, however, the local fire department usually conducts an examination of the fire scene and reports the cause and origin of the fire to the Fire Commissioner. Thus, the initial onus is on WFPS to conduct an investigation into determining the cause and origin of every fire whether or not the OFC attends the scene. The Fire Prevention Act entitles the Fire Commissioner to command the service of one or more police officers or constables during an inquiry or investigation conducted by him. Therefore, the Fire Commissioner has the legal power to direct the police to conduct or to assist in a thorough and proper investigation into any fire, arson or otherwise, that occurs.

The key operational feature of the cooperative initiative will be to provide leadership and coordination in the tracking of arsons and accidental fires; the investigation and apprehension of offenders; the education and prevention initiatives geared towards the public; and to provide the appropriate notification framework.

A flowchart of the proposed process under the new Fire/Arson Investigation Unit as a cooperative initiative is outlined on Appendix “A”. When a call is received through Fire 9-1-1, Investigators are notified and they triage calls to determine which resources are required. If it is a minor incident, WFPS investigators will investigate and report. If it is a major incident, representatives of the OFC, WPS and WFPS investigate and report. If it is a vehicle arson fire, Manitoba Public Insurance Special Investigation Unit becomes involved with WPS. Whether a fire is major or minor and the cause is determined to be incendiary/suspicious, WPS, OFC and WFPS investigate, arrest and prosecute (formerly Arson Strike Force) through the proposed Fire/Arson Investigation Unit. This cooperative initiative will result in shared information laterally plus link with educational/prevention staff and maintain statistical and historical data to recommend further strategies.

The proposed Fire Investigation Unit has been proven to be effective in other jurisdictions such as Calgary, Hamilton, and Vancouver. The importance of timely notification, physical presence and complete comprehensive investigations are beneficial. To return to the process that was in place prior to the inception of the Arson Strike Force would undermine any and all of the positive progress to date.

The creation of the Fire/Arson Investigation Unit will:

1. Result in self-sufficiency for the WFPS in the areas of fire investigation, as is the case in all other major urban centers across Canada.
2. Identify areas and concerns to which resources can be directed and prioritized.
3. Establish the WFPS as a lead agency for fire investigation within the City of Winnipeg at the completion of the three-year transition period.
4. Result in a coordinated, dedicated approach within WPS to arson investigation.
5. Create closer ties with the legal community to minimize litigation potential.
6. Provide incendiary and arson analyses that will identify various trends and determine appropriate responses and help develop prevention strategies.
7. Create a more accountable and coordinated unit, which will achieve reduced duplication, more timely and effective reporting processes.

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The establishment of the cooperative initiative is one of many strategies through which the City and other levels of government will be successful in overcoming the fire problem within Winnipeg. The FIU and AIU will be implemented alongside existing programs including Youth Fire Stop, which counsels youths with fire setting tendencies, fire and anti-arson inspections, Learn not to Burn and/or Risk Watch; Adopt-a-School; Crime Stoppers and other public education programs. Collectively, it is anticipated that this multi-agency effort will continue to transform the City of Winnipeg into a more fire safe community.

Neither the WPS nor the WFPS have sufficient resources within existing budgets to continue operating the Arson Strike Force that was created on a temporary basis. The success of this initiative however, indicates that a partnership should continue between WPS and WFPS.

Permission is requested to pursue funding from the Provincial Government. The arson problem within the City of Winnipeg is one that involves socio-economic issues that have a significant impact on the economy and fabric of the province as a whole. The arson problem that occurred had a significant financial impact on the capital region and it is believed that the Province will support this initiative. Although the City is experiencing some reprieve from the problem, continued vigilance is necessary to maintain this success over the problem.

City Council approval is required for the allocation of additional funds required to establish a permanent cooperative unit.

The Financial Impact Statement is outlined on Appendix "B".

The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services recommends:

I. That a cooperative, jointly operated, permanent fire/arson investigative unit be established between the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service (WFPS) and the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS).

II. That in support of this permanent unit, the WFPS pursue a transfer of the responsibility for fire/arson investigation within the City of Winnipeg from the Provincial Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC) investigation section to the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service through the establishment of a Fire Investigation Unit (FIU).

III. That in support of this permanent unit, the Winnipeg Police Service create a permanent Arson Investigation Unit (AIU) within the City of Winnipeg.

IV. That a partnership agreement between Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service and Winnipeg Police Service be established to define this cooperative effort.

V. That the proposed Fire Investigation Unit be comprised of 5 members of the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service and the Provincial Office of the Fire Commissioner over the next 3 years. The involvement of the OFC in Winnipeg is to be phased out after 3 years.

VI. That the proposed Arson Investigation Unit be comprised of five Winnipeg Police Service members on a permanent basis.

VII. That City Council pursue the necessary funding with the Province of Manitoba in order for the cooperative unit to be established.

Moved by Councillor Gerbasi,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

(See Minute No. 891 for attachments)

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MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Lazarenko,
Seconded by Councillor Smith,

852 - WHEREAS a 69 year old North End resident was severely beaten apparently while defending his property from young vandals at 4:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 25, 2001;

AND WHEREAS the resident had called 911 during the course of the vandalism but no police car arrived for 25 minutes;

AND WHEREAS between midnight and 4:00 a.m. on August 25, police handled 185 calls, including 39 calls in the North End;

AND WHEREAS Police have arrested two youths and charged them with attempted murder;

AND WHEREAS a highly mobile street crime unit in New Westminster, British Columbia, has successfully eliminated drug traffic, prostitution and other street crime in that community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Police Service consider the formation of a dedicated street crime task force according to the New Westminster model.

Automatic Referral to Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law.

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CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

853 - On motion of Councillor Gerbasi, By-law No. 7897/2001, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to amend various by-laws relating to its Fire Paramedic Service, was read a first, second and third time, the rule being suspended for the third reading, and was passed and ordered to be signed and sealed. File GF-1 (Vol. 19)