STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON

PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

QUESTION PERIOD

Minute No. 653
Councillor Gerbasi inquired if there would be more information about who made the decision and authorized the expansion of fire hall 11.

Councillor Havixbeck replied that a report would be presented at the next meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services.

In reference to the Police Board that will be established on December 1, 2012, Councillor Eadie inquired if there was a process to find an administrator to support the operations and make sure the Police Board was functional and able to accomplish the task.

Councillor Havixbeck replied that it was hard to recruit someone when you do not have money towards a particular legislative requirement.

Councillor Eadie questioned if the Chair was aware if an inner city Councillor would be appointed to the Police Board; to which Councillor Havixbeck replied that no specific decisions had been made in that regard.

Councillor Eadie suggested that there should be a requirement for an inner city representative because policing was an important issue for the whole City, representation from the people on the ground in the inner city was essential to ensure a proper balance of policing. Councillor Eadie asked the Chair to carry the request forward to the Mayor.

Councillor Havixbeck suggested that Members of Council were City Councillors, not just ward Councillors, and the onus was on each of them to learn about the different areas of the City. She advised that the Police Board should partner with other levels of government and everybody should work toward the initiatives that the Police Board was responsible for.

His Worship Mayor Katz asked if the Chair was aware that Minister Swan recently cancelled a meeting on the Police Board and that the Mayor had sent a letter to confirm that the Minister was going to fulfill the commitment to fund the administrative costs for the Police Board.

Councillor Havixbeck confirmed that she was aware of that, had concerns, and would follow up to try to book another meeting.

Councillor Mayes inquired if the Chair could undertake to have at the next Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services meeting a time frame as to when members of Council might get a report on arenas; to which Councillor Havixbeck replied in the affirmative.