People in
Equal
Participation Inc.

Delegation

Date: Wednesday, June 18, 2003
Place: West Committee Room, City Hall, 510 Main Street
Time: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

I, Theresa Ducharme, on behalf of People in Equal Participation (PEP) Inc., wish to thank the Executive Policy Committee for receiving my Delegation on this day, Wednesday June 19, 2003. I have before me, a Petition which reads as follows: (Petition enclosed).

Over one thousand signatures have been collected, and are a demonstration of the concern the citizens of the city of Winnipeg have regarding maintaining and upgrading the quality of the Winnipeg Police Department.

Being the only major city in Canada without a Police Commission since 1987, we feel it is absolutely necessary to reinstate this valuable service. Since 1987 we have had the opportunity to bring our concerns to the Winnipeg Police Association, or to the Law Enforcement Review Agency, which we have found works hand in hand with the police without sufficient community involvement. Therefore we believe that a Police Commission would bridge the gap between the police and the citizens they serve.

The acting Chief of Police, M. Zacharias, has assured me by a written statement that a Police Commission would have "merit," but recognizes that it is a political issue at this time.

I would like to be fully informed of all steps that will be taken to reinstate this valuable service as soon as it is possible, and be involved in this process.

Yours Truly,
Theresa Ducharme

Theresa Ducharme,
President and Foundress
People in Equal Participation Inc.

Encls.
Petition (over 1000 signatures)
M. Zacharias, acting Chief of Police, correspondance dated June 11, 2003

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Mrs. Theresa Ducharme,
President and Foundress,
People in Equal Participation Inc.,
215 Victoria Avenue West,
Winnipeg, MB R2C 1S7.

Dear Mrs. Ducharme:

Thank you for your letter dated June 10th regarding PEP Inc. pursuing the reinstatement of the Police Commission.

I agree that a Police Commission model would have merit but unfortunately the issue is largely a political one and a meeting at this time would be premature.

I would like to thank you for your ongoing support of the Winnipeg Police Service. Should there be a need in the future to meet on this topic we will contact you.

Yours truly,

M. Zacharias,
Acting Chief of Police.

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ORIGINAL PETITION IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

PETITION

We, the undersigned hereby petition Mayor Glen Murray and City of Winnipeg Councillors to Reinstate the Police Commission and that membership of the Commission be appointed by City Council and accountable to City Council.

Print Name	Address	Signature
Sheelagh Smith	3415 Hwy 9 - 42 SE Elgin	Smith
Kirsten STAGG	358 Pacific	Kirsten Stagg
BETTY NEWHOOK	385 ELGIN AVE	Betty Newhook
Hector Ramirez	40 SANDRINGHAM AVE	
Silvia Ramirez	40 Sandringham Road	
	286 Smith	JOE ANDERSON
	1068 Wilkes Rd	MIKE BOKOSKIE
Tory Sinclair	270 St. John	
Brad Protsula	704 - 55 Garry St	Brad Protsula
JIM DOHERTY	10 SILVERDALE CRS.	