STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION

AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

QUESTION PERIOD

Minute No. 397
Councillor Havixbeck pointed out that the 2012 budget, contained monies to upgrade the Police radio system, yet no funding for support services, and further noted that a switch back to analogue from the new digital system was required. She inquired if there would be any discussion at the Protection and Community Services Committee about how to restore that and whether or not it would be factored into the next budget.

Councillor Fielding replied that it was something the Police Board would have to discuss and committed to get more information and get back to the Councillor.

Noting an assault that occurred to an off duty officer as they walked to their vehicle after work, Councillor Havixbeck questioned if parking for officers at the new headquarters at an affordable rate would be a priority.

Councillor Fielding answered that he would refer that motion to the Deputy Mayor Councillor Wyatt, as he was responsible for the Parking Authority that would be a part of the move.

Councillor Smith asked why the Chair had not presented information on the trial use of larvicide LUV 7067 this summer to his Standing Committee, to which and Councillor Fielding replied that the City Entomologist had been out announcing it and the background earlier in the week, and agreed to provide an update at the committee meeting.

Councillor Smith inquired why Winnipeg was the only major Canadian city that closed its libraries on Sunday during the summer months.

Councillor Fielding stated that he believed hours had been increased for some areas in terms of access to the public libraries, and further agreed to have the issue come back to committee with a comparison to other jurisdictions.