Minute No. 554
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services – July 4, 2013

Item No. 1 Agreement to Establish the Winnipeg Police Service School Resource Officer Program in the St. James - Assiniboia School Division

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services and adopted the following:

1. That the City enter into an agreement with the St. James - Assiniboia School Division to establish the Winnipeg Police Service School Resource Officer Program in the St. James - Assiniboia School Division from September 2013 to June 2014.

2. That authority be delegated to the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the agreement to establish the Winnipeg Police Service School Resource Officer Program in the St. James - Assiniboia School Division from September 2013 to June 2014, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein and such other terms and conditions deemed necessary by the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor to protect the interests of the City.

3. That the criteria set forth in paragraph 2.A. of the School Resource Officer Protocol that was adopted by the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services on July 4, 2008, requiring that any expansion of the program contain a minimum three-year commitment by the appropriate school division and the Province of Manitoba, be waived.

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Fielding,

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

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 10, 2013, 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 July 4, 2013, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: **Agreement to establish the Winnipeg Police Service School Resource Officer Program in the St. James - Assiniboia School Division**

Critical Path: **Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services – Executive Policy Committee – Council**

AUTHORIZATION

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RECOMMENDATIONS

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2. That authority be delegated to the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the agreement to establish the Winnipeg Police Service School Resource Officer Program in the St. James - Assiniboia School Division from September 2013 to June 2014**,** in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein and such other terms and conditions deemed necessary by the City Solicitor / Director of Legal Services to protect the interests of the City.

3. That Council waive the criteria set forth in paragraph 2.A. of the School Resource Officer Protocol that was adopted by the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services on July 4, 2008, requiring that any expansion of the program contain a minimum three-year commitment by the appropriate school division and the Province of Manitoba.

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

REASON FOR THE REPORT

The request to establish the Winnipeg Police Service School Resource Officer Program in the St. James - Assiniboia School Division must be submitted for Council consideration through the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services, as directed by the School Resource Officer Protocol that was adopted at the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services meeting July 4, 2008.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

The School Resource Officer (SRO) program currently exists in two school divisions in Winnipeg. The Program operates on the model where police officers provide a visible law enforcement presence to develop open lines of communication and strong working relationships with youth, schools and communities.

The existing SRO contracts with the Winnipeg School Division and the Pembina Trails School Division were established with a tri-partite approach. In the original program structure, stakeholders included the Province of Manitoba and the City of Winnipeg, along with the participating school divisions. While the agreements with the two school divisions are completed at the end of June 2014, the Service has entered discussions with both Divisions for extensions of these programs for another three years.

As established in the existing agreements with involved school divisions, the Service provides officers who have experience (1st Class), but invoices for the SRO Constables at the second year level (4th Class), thus subsidizing a portion of the salary for the Program in-kind. The WPS is responsible for additional in-kind contributions, which include cruiser cars, gas, insurance, uniforms, supervision and training. It must be noted that the direct cost to the Service consists of salary and benefits only, which are budgeted for on an ongoing basis. The City of Winnipeg invoices each school division directly for their entire cost of the Program. The school divisions then bill the Province of Manitoba for 50% of that cost, as the partners equally fund the SRO Program.

While separate financial agreements exist for each school division, the Province of Manitoba declined to be involved in the first agreement for SRO with the St. James - Assiniboia School Division. As a result of the Province not being partners, the St. James - Assiniboia School Division has agreed to fully fund the Provincial portion of the costs of the program for one year. No other school division has had to take on the entire cost.

The Province indicated that the commitment to the entire School Resource Officer program will be reviewed at the end of June 2014, due to concerns with funding and additional School Divisions requesting the program.

HISTORY

The Winnipeg Police Service has the opportunity to enter into the first agreement for School Resource Officers with the St. James - Assiniboia School Division. The agreement calls for two

police officers to work as School Resource Officers at high schools and feeder schools within the School Division, and the model allows every school in the Division to have access to dedicated officers.

During the first year of the program, the responsibilities of the two SRO will be distributed as follows:

School Resource Officer (one)
- Primary School: Collège Sturgeon Heights Collegiate
- Early Years Schools:
  - Athlone School
  - École Bannatyne School
  - Phoenix School
  - École Robert Browning School
  - Sansome School
  - Strathmillan School
- Middle Years Schools:
  - Bruce Middle School
  - École Golden Gate Middle School
  - Lincoln Middle School
- Senior Years Schools:
  - Westwood Collegiate
  - Jameswood Alternative School

School Resource Officer (one)
- Primary School: St. James Collegiate
- Early Years Schools:
  - École Assiniboine School
  - Brooklands School
  - Buchanan School
  - Crestview School
  - Heritage School
  - Lakewood School
  - Linwood School
  - Stevenson-Britannia School
  - Voyageur School
- Middle Years Schools:
  - George Waters Middle School
  - Hedges Middle School
  - Ness Middle School
- Senior Years Schools:
  - John Taylor Collegiate

The role of the SRO shall continue to be focused on prevention, education and maintaining the peace in the schools and the adjacent community.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement **Date:** June 14,2013

Project Name: **First Year of Program** **2013**

St James - Assiniboia Two School Resource Officers

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Funding Sources:					
Debt - Internal	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Debt - External	-	-	-	-	-
Grants (Enter Description Here)	-	-	-	-	-
Reserves, Equity, Surplus	-	-	-	-	-
Other - Enter Description Here	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funding	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -				
Total Additional Debt Required	$ -				
Current Expenditures/Revenues					
Direct Costs	$ 83,370	$ 127,392	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery	55,858	85,352	-	-	-
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ 27,512	$ 42,039	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	27,512	42,039	-	-	-
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ 0	$ 0	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments: Contract from Sept 2013 to June 2014. No additional cost to the City. Vehicle costs included. The Service provides the officers and equipment and then invoices the School Division for two thirds of the agreed upon costs. The Service has budgeted for the balance of one third of the costs "in kind". The contract allows for incremental increases in collective agreements.

original signed by Ron Smolik June 14/13
Department Controller - Winnipeg Police

CONSULTATION

In preparing this report there was consultation with:

Legal Services

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SUBMITTED BY

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