## STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION

## AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

## QUESTION PERIOD

**Minute No. 694**
Councillor Mayes stated that last year, Councillors Wyatt, Steen, Vandal, Browaty and himself, endorsed a plan to have bike service provided by the Winnipeg Police Service, but that there was much confusion as to how funding would come about, and asked about the status of that initiative. Councillor Fielding replied that he had received a response from Art Stannard, Deputy Chief of Police, and in 2012, the bikes were received and in spring/summer of 2013, the additional gear was also received. He further stated that members participated in a mandatory bike training course, one week in duration, and that Community Police Officers were conducting bike patrols, with the initiative to continue into 2014.

Councillor Havixbeck noted that on October 12th, the media reported that the Millennium Library Pond was drained, and a number of fish that citizens had placed in the pond were left homeless and that a woman from Charleswood had collected 700 fish, had been housing them and giving them away. She further asked if the Chair would be open to have something creative done next year so that children could come and take the fish away before the pool was drained.

Councillor Fielding replied that he is open to it, yet unsure if it would be a library or Public Works issue, and he would work with Councillor Vandal and the Administration to come up with some creative solutions.

Councillor Nordman asked for a report on the Police Board, as it was understood an Executive Director had been found. Councillor Fielding replied that Don Norquay, former Deputy Minister with the Provincial Government, had been hired to be the Executive Director. He had over 28 years of experience in various roles, and had recently started. Regarding the Police Operational Review, he further stated that a Council Seminar had been planned, and the document would be fully public, with a consultant present to speak to it.