**Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – March 12, 2014**

## REPORTS

**Minute No. 195 Amendment to the Bomb Magazine Storage Facility Capital Project Budget**

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and recommended to Council:

1. That the following Capital Project Budget amendments be approved:

   A. the transfer of $100,000 from the surplus Wireless Emergency 911 Upgrade capital program (approved in 2010 Capital Budget),
   B. the transfer of $350,000 from the West Station IT requirements (approved in 2012 Capital Budget),
   C. and the transfer of $100,000 from the In car Computing capital program,

   for a total of $550,000 to the Bomb Magazine Storage Facility Project Capital Project Budget as laid out in this report.

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

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Mayes,

That the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

David Sanders submitted a communication dated March 12, 2014 in opposition to the Amendment to the Bomb Magazine Storage Facility Capital Project Budget.

# ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

**Title:** **Amendment to the Bomb Magazine Storage Facility Capital Project Budget**

**Critical Path:** **Executive Policy Committee – Council**

## AUTHORIZATION

| Author | Department Head | CFO | CAO/COO |
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| R. Smolik | Chief of Police<br>D. Clunis | M. Ruta, CFO | D. Joshi, A-CAO |

## RECOMMENDATIONS

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## REASON FOR THE REPORT

Reallocation of funds provided in a capital budget in excess of the lesser of $100,000 or 25% of the base budget requires the approval of Council.

## IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- No additional funding is being requested but rather a reallocation of existing, Council-approved funding within the Winnipeg Police Service's Capital Budget.
- The budget for the Bomb Magazine Storage Facility Capital Project ("the project") will increase from $ 372,000 to $922,000 with an additional $174,480 coming from 2014 Bomb Unit operating budget. This will allow for a total availability of $1,096,400 which will provide for a small contingency as the project is budgeted at $1,073,000
- Another facility is required to house the Bomb Unit staff and vehicle that require special safety restrictions.
- Municipal accommodations has provided $400,000 to allow for site improvements and development.

## HISTORY

Prior to 2009, the Winnipeg Police Service Bomb Unit was housed at 730 Pandora Ave West, along with the District 4 General Patrol officers. When the newly constructed East District Station (EDS) became operational, the General Patrol officers were moved to EDS, but the Bomb Unit stayed at 730 Pandora Ave W., as the City of Winnipeg retained ownership of the property.

In August of 2009, the building was sold by the City of Winnipeg to the private sector, and the Bomb and Canine Unit were ordered to vacate 730 Pandora Avenue by the end of September 2009 with no alternative site selected. Movement of the Bomb Unit on short notice proved difficult as the safety and security requirements of a Bomb Unit facility are unique compared to other Units as they are governed by Natural Resources Canada, Explosive Regulatory Division.

An exhaustive search was conducted by WPS in conjunction with the City of Winnipeg Planning Property and Development in an effort to locate an adequate facility which met Federal Regulations criteria and a temporary location was found at another City owned location. Exact locations have not been mentioned as they are classified for security concerns. At the time, this location was in the process of being decommissioned. The City of Winnipeg was planning to eventually sell or demolish this location.

In September 2009, the Bomb Unit was moved into this location as this site had been closed and the previous workers relocated from the area, as the conditions at this site were deemed to be unsafe and unhealthy for staff to work in this area. The Police Service had to spend thousands of dollars to make the offices and storage area habitable and safe to work in for the anticipated duration of the Unit's stay.

Although the working conditions were less than ideal, this facility was being decommissioned with little activity which assisted in “explosive consequence” risk management considerations. Small amounts of explosives are stored within the facility for operational use and risk management is necessary should an accidental detonation occur.

When the Bomb Unit moved into this location, the Explosive Regulatory Division did an assessment of the site. After assessing the site, the Explosive Regulatory Division decided that the location could be used as a temporary location after considering the following:

- The building was being decommissioned and used primarily for the storage of equipment, and city workers are usually not in the vicinity.
- The location of storage bays faced toward the inside, and there were several walls of concrete between the Bomb Truck (containing the two RAM), and the nearest residential street. If there was a detonation, the effects of an explosion would be unlikely to have any effect on vehicles or pedestrians in the area.
- If there was a detonation, the only likely fatalities would be Bomb Unit officers, who regularly work with, and accept the risks associated with explosives.

As the currently occupied site is to be decommissioned, an extensive real estate search was conducted for a suitable location for the Bomb Unit operations and a location was found. Exact locations have not been mentioned as they are classified for security concerns. The site and proposed building meet the Federal Explosive Regulatory Division requirements mitigating safety and security risks. It also fits into the City’s vision to place a number of specialized units at this site.

## Financial Impact Statement

**Date:** February 10, 2014

**Project Name:**

Additional funding for Bomb Magazine Storage Facility Project

**First Year of Program** **2014**

| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Capital** | | | | | |
| Capital Expenditures Required | $ 1,322,000 | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - |
| Less: Existing Budgeted Costs | 1,322,000 | - | - | - | - |
| 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 | $ 174,480 | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - |
| Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery | - | - | - | - | - |
| Net Cost/(Benefit) | $ 174,480 | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - |
| Less: Existing Budget Amounts | 174,480 | - | - | - | - |
| Net Budget Adjustment Required | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - |

**Additional Comments: No financial impact as amounts are being transferred between a number of capital projects from #2200000710 $100,000, #2200001212 $350,000, and #2201600013 $100,000 to #2200001012 for a total of $550,000 transferred added to the existing budget of $372,000 now makes a total of $922,000. An additional $174,480 of 2014 approved budget operational funds have been allocated to fund the difference to the total project cost. This allows for a small contingency of $23,480. Municipal accomodations has additionally provided $400,000 for site development and improvements.**

original signed by Ron Smolik Feb 10/14

Controller - Winnipeg Police Service

## CONSULTATION

**In preparing this report there was consultation with:**

Property and Planning Department - Brad Erickson

## SUBMITTED BY

**Department:** Winnipeg Police Service
**Division:** Finance Division
**Prepared by:** Ron Smolik
**Date:** February 10, 2014
**File No.** ODS 13 – 118