Minute No. 51
Report - Executive Policy Committee – November 28, 2014

Item No. 1 **Agreement between the City of Winnipeg and the Government of Manitoba, Department of Justice to formalize the Gang Response and Suppression Plan (GRASP)**

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That the City enter into an agreement with the Government of Manitoba, Department of Justice, to formalize the Gang Response and Suppression Plan (GRASP), clarifying the arrangements between the parties and establishing the procedures under which GRASP will be implemented.

2. That authority be delegated to the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the agreement to establish GRASP retroactively in part from April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2016, 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 requirement that the City negotiate full indexing for inflation and collective agreement increases in multi-year agreements for funding from other levels of government for additional positions be waived in this instance.

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 His Worship Mayor Bowman,

That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 28, 2014, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Police Board and submitted the matter to Council.

WINNIPEG POLICE BOARD RECOMMENDATION:

On November 14, 2014, the Winnipeg Police Board concurred in the recommendations of the Winnipeg Public Service and recommended to Council:

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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Critical Path: **Winnipeg Police Board**

AUTHORIZATION

Author	Winnipeg Police Service	Winnipeg Police Board
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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Winnipeg Police Board receives this report for approval and to make the following recommendations to Executive Policy Committee and Council:

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REASON FOR THE REPORT

Approval is required to enter into an Agreement with the Government of Manitoba.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

Winnipeg Police Service agrees that together with the Government of Manitoba Criminal Organization and High Risk Offenders Unit (COHROU), it will actively supervise gang members.

The Winnipeg Police Service agrees to dedicate and supervise two positions, a Crime Analyst and Clerk B, under the direction of the Crime Analysis Unit Supervisor.

HISTORY

In 2009, a six-month project conducted by the Winnipeg Police Service Street Crimes Unit and General Patrol Units in conjunction with the Department of Justice COHROU, initiated the formalized Gang Response and Suppression Plan (GRASP).

The continuing strategy to monitor/target gang members in the community that have been released on bail or probation orders was addressed in an Agreement, established from April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2013, where the Winnipeg Police Service continued to provide support staff.

As part of this strategy, this Agreement from April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2016 is developed to create a long term environment that will reduce crimes committed by gang members while in the community on bail or probation orders. The strategy involves a regime of curfew monitoring and ongoing intensive supervision through bi-weekly contact between high risk offenders, as a joint effort between COHROU and Winnipeg Police Service. Although GRASP has been active continually since April 1, 2010, this Agreement is being entered into retroactively in part from April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2016, due to the parties inability to have this Agreement finalized before the expiration of the previous agreement.

For the duration of the negotiated Agreement, the Winnipeg Police Service will continue to provide support staff, under the direction of the Crime Analysis Unit Supervisor. The Crime Analyst will be responsible for the ongoing collection and analysis of GRASP related intelligence and information. The Clerk B will provide support in the data entry and file management of identified gang members.

Costs associated with the abovementioned civilian members will be paid by the Government of Manitoba through a subsidy to a maximum of $145,000 per year, while the City will be responsible for any costs over that amount. The financial commitment is subject to the legislature of the Province of Manitoba appropriating sufficient funds for the purpose intended and during the fiscal year in which the funds are required to be paid to the Winnipeg Police Service.

An annual review will be conducted to assess the effectiveness of GRASP.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement **Date:** October 24, 2014

Project Name:
GRASP 2013 - 2016

First Year of Program 2013

	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	$ 122,572	$ 174,932	$ 182,535	$ 47,237	$ -
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery	108,750	145,000	145,000	36,250	-
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ 13,822	$ 29,932	$ 37,535	$ 10,987	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	13,822	29,932	37,535	10,987	-
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ (0)	$ (0)	$ 0	$ (0)	$ -

Additional Comments: Collective agreement increases factored in. Assuming only salary and benefit costs as equipment and furniture already purchased. No provision for additional costs under agreement, i.e. misc. costs. The Winnipeg Police Service will absorb costs over the funding provided.

original signed by Ron Smolik Oct 24/14
Manager of Finance
Winnipeg Police Service

CONSULTATION

In preparing this report there was consultation with:

Legal Services Division

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SUBMITTED BY

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