Minute No. 392
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services – May 11, 2015

Item No. 1 Disposal of Expired Structural Fire Fighting Ensembles (Turnout Gear)

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 a donation agreement effective until December 31, 2025 with Firefighters Without Borders Canada for the donation of Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service's used structural firefighting ensembles (turnout gear) for distribution to fire departments, emergency services organizations, and fire fighters in countries or regions that have a demonstrated need.

2. That authority be delegated to the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the donation agreement with Firefighters Without Borders Canada and such other agreements as determined necessary by the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this report and such other terms and conditions deemed necessary by Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor to protect the interests of the City.

3. 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 Browaty,

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

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 20, 2015, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendations of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services, and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 20, 2015, 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

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

AUTHORIZATION

Author	Department Head	CFO	CAO
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RECOMMENDATIONS

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REASON FOR THE REPORT

Council approval is required to donate expired structural fire fighting ensembles through Firefighters Without Borders Canada, on an ongoing basis, without the solicitation of competitive offers.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service (WFPS) structural fire fighting ensembles (turnout gear) cannot be used beyond its ten (10) year life cycle in accordance with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 1851. It is recommended that expired structural fire fighting ensembles be donated through Firefighters Without Borders Canada.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

There is no financial impact to the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service (WFPS) as this gear cannot be sold because it has exceeded its life cycle. Donating the equipment to a fire department in an impoverished community, through Firefighters Without Borders Canada, will ensure they have some personal fire protection and prevent it from going to the landfill.

Firefighters Without Borders Canada will be required to sign a donation agreement to release and indemnify The City of Winnipeg, including its Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service, from liability.

HISTORY

In the past, old turnout gear was often retained by individuals as spare gear or given or sold to northern reserves. Recognizing those liabilities, the WFPS has mandated that all gear in excess of ten (10) years old be returned to the WFPS Sewing Room, where they are cleaned and sorted for disposal.

It is recommended that the WFPS dispose of used structural fire fighting ensembles (turnout gear) that is beyond its ten (10) year life cycle in accordance with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 1851.

NFPA Standard 1851, Chapter 10 states:

Chapter 10 Retirement, Disposition, and Special Incident Procedure
10.1.2 Structural fire fighting ensembles and ensemble elements shall be retired in accordance with 10.2.1 or 10.2.2, no more than 10 years from the date the ensembles or ensemble elements were manufactured.

10.1.8 Structural fire fighting ensembles and ensemble elements and proximity fire fighting ensembles and ensemble elements that are no longer of use to the organization for emergency operations service but are not contaminated, defective, or damaged shall be retired in accordance with 10.2.1 or 10.2.2.

10.2.2. Retired structural fire fighting ensembles and ensemble elements and proximity fire fighting ensembles and ensemble elements as determined in 10.1.8 shall be permitted to be used as follows:
(2) As determined by the organization

Firefighters Without Borders Canada is a not-for-profit corporation and a registered charity dedicated to
assisting fire departments in need of specific skills, training or resources. Under B4.3(a) of the Materials Management Policy, a supply by the City (donation) may be made to a not-for-profit corporation without the solicitation of competitive offers.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement **Date:** April 28, 2015

Project Name:
Disposal of Expired Structural Fire Fighting Ensembles (Turnout Gear)

COMMENTS:
There is no financial impact to the WFPS as this gear cannot be sold because it has exceeded its life cycle.

original signed by
John Hall, ACMA, CGMA
Controller, Finance

CONSULTATION

In preparing this report there was consultation with:

Legal Services Department (as to legal issues)
Materials Management Division

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

SUBMITTED BY

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Division: Administration
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