Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – January 20, 2016

Report – Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks – January 11, 2016

Item No. 1 Winnipeg Police Board – 2016 Strategic Plan Update

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 11, 2016, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Police Board and submitted the following to Council:

1. That the Winnipeg Police Board 2016 Strategic Plan Update be received as information.

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

Report – Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks – January 11, 2016

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 11, 2016, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Police Board and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

WINNIPEG POLICE BOARD DECISION:

On December 4, 2015, the Winnipeg Police Board received as information the report from the Chair of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee.

Further on December 4, 2015, the Winnipeg Police Board approved the content of the 2016 Strategic Plan Update.

WINNIPEG POLICE BOARD RECOMMENDATION:

On December 4, 2015, the Winnipeg Police Board submitted the 2016 Strategic Plan update to the Standing Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks to be forwarded to Council for information.

WINNIPEG POLICE BOARD
Strategic Planning Steering Committee Report
December 2015

The Strategic Planning Steering Committee is pleased to report that it has completed a draft of the 2016 update of the 2015-2019 Strategic Plan for the Winnipeg Police Service.

Since the Committee met on October 19th, Board staff developed a draft document for the Board and the Service to review. The Service provided prompt feedback and the Board communicated by e-mail to confirm that each Board member agreed the draft was ready to be tabled at the Board's December 4th meeting for approval and adoption.

The Strategic Plan was first published in May 2015, so it is still a very recent document. The draft update we are considering publishing for 2016 is very similar to the original document. When we consulted with the community at meetings in May and June and through a written submission process that continued until October, we heard widespread support for the Strategic Plans' vision and goals. To make our Strategic Plan relevant for 2016, we updated statistics whenever possible and adjusted the text to reflect where initiatives we originally referred to in the future tense are now underway.

We added a preface to the draft 2016 update that explains the changes we have made to the Strategic Plan based on the community input we received. That input was published in a set of summaries, available on our website (http://www.winnipeg.ca/clerks/boards/consultationsresults2015.stm). Not all of the input we received is reflected in the Strategic Plan. Some of the comments and questions we heard from citizens related to how the Strategic Plan would be implemented. This feedback related to the front-line operations that typically define citizens' experiences with the Winnipeg Police Service. Since the Strategic Plan is a high-level document that leaves implementation and operational decisions to the Winnipeg Police Service, our draft 2016 update includes a more detailed explanation of how the Service will use annual business plans to manage its implementation of the Strategic Plan's vision, goals and strategic directions. We want to ensure citizens who may not see their input reflected in the Strategic Plan recognize that input was still valued by the Board and informed our understanding of the community's needs, values and expectations. We have prepared the attached report to organize the community input we received into broad categories based on how it fits in the mandate of the Board, the Service, or another agency.

Some of the issues raised in our consultation process became topics for further discussion with the Service. For example, the Board heard at a consultation meeting, at a Board meeting and in written submissions that safety on transit buses should be improved. The Board took this concern to heart. The Strategic Plan includes goals and objectives that make reducing crime and working with community partners (including agencies such as Winnipeg Transit) priorities for the Service. The Board asked the Service for a report on current and planned activities and initiatives to enhance safety on transit buses.

Once the 2016 update of the Strategic Plan is approved and adopted, the Board will publish the plan on our website and promote public awareness of the plan and its contents. The Board will hold community consultation meetings again in 2016 as part of our ongoing commitment to seeking community input on policing priorities and adjusting our Strategic Plan each year to reflect shifting and emerging priorities.