Minute No. 568
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks – September 19, 2016

Item No. 1 Agreement with Winnipeg Regional Health Authority for Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service Employee Clinical Skills Experience

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks and adopted the following:

1. That the City enter into, execute and deliver an agreement with the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA) for Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service (WFPS) employees to participate in practicums at WRHA facilities for the purpose of obtaining clinical skills experience, for the period October 2, 2015 to September 30, 2020, and such other agreements as determined necessary by the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor to implement the intent of the foregoing.

2. That authority be delegated to the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the agreement with the WRHA for WFPS employees to participate in practicums at WRHA facilities for the purpose of obtaining clinical skills experience, for the period October 2, 2015 to September 30, 2020, and such other agreements as determined necessary by the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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 Pagtakhan,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks be adopted.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 21, 2016, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 19, 2016, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Agreement with Winnipeg Regional Health Authority for Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service Employee Clinical Skills Experience

Critical Path: Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks – EPC – Council

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Services (WFPS) employees who are taking in-house training to increase their scope of practice require access to Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA) facilities for the purpose of obtaining clinical skills experience. Council's approval of a five-year agreement with the WRHA is required to facilitate this.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the City enter into, execute and deliver an agreement with the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA) for Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service (WFPS) employees to participate in practicums at WRHA facilities for the purpose of obtaining clinical skills experience, for the period October 2, 2015 to September 30, 2020, and such other agreements as determined necessary by the City Solicitor/Director of Legal Services to implement the intent of the foregoing.

2. That authority be delegated to the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the agreement with the WRHA for WFPS employees to participate in practicums at WRHA facilities for the purpose of obtaining clinical skills experience, for the period October 2, 2015 to September 30, 2020, and such other agreements as determined necessary by the City Solicitor/Director of Legal Services to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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

REASON FOR THE REPORT

Approval of Council is required to enter into the proposed agreement as it is a multi-year contract with an external organization.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

This agreement between the City and the WRHA will allow for WFPS employees to participate in practicums at WRHA facilities for the period of October 2, 2015 to September 30, 2020.

The agreement will give WFPS employees clinical skills experience, will assist employees with maintenance of competence, and will assist the department in maintaining Canadian Medical Association accreditation.

While participating in practicums at WRHA sites, participants will remain WFPS employees with no change to pay, benefits, or funding. There is no additional cost to the City. Both the WRHA and the City will maintain general and professional liability insurance in an amount satisfactory to Risk Management.

HISTORY

In 2002 agreements were entered into with each of six hospitals and the WRHA to establish a clinical education training program for The City of Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service's paramedics. Prior to 2002 the City had training agreements in place with city hospitals, but those agreements required upgrading to reflect new training requirements and the involvement of the WRHA.

In March 2010 the WRHA requested a five year master agreement with The City of Winnipeg that would allow any WFPS employee to request a placement at a variety of WRHA facilities in Winnipeg. This agreement was effective October 1, 2010 to October 1, 2015 and replaced agreements with all city hospitals, except St. Boniface General Hospital, which was and continues to remain outside the scope of the WRHA.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement **Date:** August 12, 2016

Project Name:

Agreement with Winnipeg Regional Health Authority for Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service Employee Clinical Skills Experience

COMMENTS: There is no financial impact associated with approval of this report.

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

CONSULTATION

Legal Services (as to legal issues)

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

01-2b Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery
Direction 1: Provide Emergency Fire/Rescue and Pre-Hospital Paramedical Response
>Collaborate and communicate with other governments and agencies on education and awareness programs, investigation, logistical support and joint preparedness.

SUBMITTED BY

Department: Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service
Division: Administration
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