Minute No. 635
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks - October 14, 2016

Item No. 1 Agreement to Share Data between the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service and the University of Manitoba, Manitoba Centre for Health Policy

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 Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service be authorized to share de-identified electronic data to the University of Manitoba's Manitoba Centre for Health Policy in order to support the services and research activities of both organizations.

2. That the City enter into a Data Sharing Agreement with the University of Manitoba, Manitoba Centre for Health Policy, 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 Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the Data Sharing Agreement with the University of Manitoba, Manitoba Centre for Health Policy, and such other agreements and such other terms and conditions determined necessary by the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor to protect the interests of the City.

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 Councillor Pagtakhan,

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

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 19, 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 October 14, 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 to Share Data between the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service and the University of Manitoba, Manitoba Centre for Health Policy

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

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Manitoba Centre for Health Policy (MCHP) would like to gain access to Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service (WFPS) data to enhance and support its services. WFPS would like provide this data generally in order to support the work of the MCHP, and specifically to benefit from inclusion in the Centre's ongoing research activities.

This data sharing agreement does not put at risk the personal information of WFPS patients and will comply with all Personal Health Information Act privacy guidelines and requirements.

The recommendations of this report will allow the City to enter into this Agreement with the MCHP.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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REASON FOR THE REPORT

Council approval is required to enter into the proposed Agreement with the University of Manitoba's Manitoba Centre for Health Policy as it is a multi-year contract with an external organization.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendations set out in this report will allow the City to enter into an Agreement to share data between WFPS and the MCHP, thereby supporting the work of the Centre and providing future research benefit to WFPS.

HISTORY

The Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service collects a range of data related to its patients and service delivery. This data includes, but is not limited to: patient characteristics and condition, WFPS assessment, treatment, and disposition and dispatch codes and time tracking. This information rests within two databases maintained by WFPS: electronic Patient Care Reports and Computer Aided Dispatch.

The Manitoba Centre for Health Policy is a research unit nested within the Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Manitoba. Its mission is to provide accurate and timely information to health care decision-makers, analysts and providers, so they can offer services which are effective and efficient in maintaining and improving the health of Manitobans.

The MCHP depends on three pillars to support its mission: a data repository, ongoing research, and active knowledge translation. Its data repository is a comprehensive, anonymous collection of administrative, registry, survey, and other data relating to Manitobans. It contains, for example, virtually all contacts with the provincial health system. It does not currently contain WFPS data.

Since 1991, the MCHP has been funded by the Province of Manitoba to engage in a number of annual research projects that focus on health and social issues – projects that can be best investigated using its repository of multiple, province-wide databases. Starting with 10 included at its creation in 1991, the MCHP now houses 72 databases ranging from hospital admission, drug prescriptions, and diagnostic testing, to child and family services, education, and the provincial justice system.

The MCHP has approached WFPS on a number of occasions in the past to include prehospital data within its repository. WFPS recognizes that sharing its data provides benefits on a number of levels. Most simply, approved researchers will benefit from access to information that can be used to investigate any question that touches on prehospital medical care. Additionally, given

increasing overlap among services provided by WFPS and those by agencies other than emergency departments (Winnipeg Police Services, Cadham Laboratories, and a range of social services), WFPS expects that future research will provide feedback on the effectiveness and efficiency of its care and programs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement **Date:** September 23, 2016

Project Name:

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COMMENTS:

This report sets out a data sharing arrangement that involves no financial investment from WFPS.

original signed by
John Hall, ACMA, CGMA
Financial Controller

CONSULTATION

Legal Services, as to legal issues.

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01-2: Safety and Security

2a: Collaborate to make safe communities

Direction 7: implement an approach to safety and security that is collaborative and involves the community.

- Continue supporting and fostering relationships with–and between–community organizations, service providers, institutions, community leaders and other service organizations….

- Explore opportunities for integrated, multi-agency and community based safety services….

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: Operations
Prepared by: Neil McDonald
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