STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

QUESTION PERIOD

Minute No. 689

Councillor Wyatt questioned what progress was being made with respect to the divided responsibility of environmental health enforcement to which Councillor Gerbasi responded that the Province was establishing committees to look at this issue and were including City staff. She also noted that the Province was in the process of moving environmental health enforcement to the Winnipeg Regional Housing Authority, and once this was completed they would examine the greater issue of jurisdiction.

Councillor Wyatt questioned when a Council Seminar would be held on the issue so Councillors could provide their input, to which Councillor Gerbasi replied that once the Administration had gathered sufficient information, a seminar would be held.

Councillor De Smedt questioned how the City would invest in the Winnipeg Police Services to provide them the necessary resources to deal with emerging crime issues to which Councillor Gerbasi replied that determining the police budget was a complex issue and that Council would be part of the process.

Councillor De Smedt questioned how attention could be focused on improving the safety model in the City to which Councillor Gerbasi responded that she would continue to champion the issue, but noted that it was not up to her solely as Chairperson to come forward with a plan for the Winnipeg Police Service, but rather that this was a challenge for all of Council as well as the Police Chief and the administration.