Minute No. 334
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks – April 10, 2017

Item No. 1 Agreements with Winnipeg BIZs and Take Pride Winnipeg Inc. for participation in the WFPS Community Fire Prevention Partnership Program

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That the City enter into, execute and deliver agreements with Take Pride Winnipeg Inc. and the following Winnipeg Business Improvement Zones (BIZs) for participation in the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service Community Fire Prevention Partnership Program, and such other agreements as determined necessary by the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor to implement the intent of the foregoing (the "Ancillary Agreements"):

    A. Academy Road Business Improvement Zone;
    B. Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone;
    C. Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone;
    D. Exchange District Business Improvement Zone;
    E. North End Business Improvement Zone;
    F. Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone;
    G. Old St. Vital Business Improvement Zone;
    H. Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone;
    I. Provencher Boulevard Business Improvement Zone;
    J. St. James Village Business Improvement Zone;
    K. St. Norbert Business Improvement Zone;
    L. Selkirk Avenue Business Improvement Zone;
    M. South Osborne Business Improvement Zone;
    N. Transcona Business Improvement Zone;
    O. West Broadway Business Improvement Zone; and
    P. West End Business Improvement Zone.

2. That the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the Community Fire Prevention Partnership Agreements and the Ancillary Agreements, in accordance with this report and such other terms and conditions determined necessary by the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor to protect the interests of the City.

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COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

3. That authority be delegated to the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of all future similar Community Fire Prevention Partnership Agreements, in accordance with this report and such other terms and conditions deemed 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 Executive Policy Committee be adopted.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 19, 2017, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Serviced and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 10, 2017, due to a tie vote, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council without recommendation.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Agreements with Winnipeg Business Improvement Zones and Take Pride Winnipeg Inc. for Participation in the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service Community Fire Prevention Partnership Program

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

AUTHORIZATION

Author	Department Head	CFO	CAO
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service (WFPS) currently administers an in-house program called the Community Fire Prevention Partnership (CFPP). The goal of this program is to identify and remedy common targets for arson in the community prior to a fire occurring. The WFPS is expanding this program to include employees of the various Winnipeg Business Improvement Zones (BIZ) and Take Pride Winnipeg Inc.

Seasonal employees of the various BIZs and Take Pride Winnipeg Inc. have been identified as strong potential candidates to participate. They work outdoors in the community throughout the summer during periods of traditionally higher arson activity. They are employed by civic-minded, community based organizations and can be depended on to comply with the conditions of the program.

By expanding the program to include these select groups the WFPS hopes to enhance the ongoing monitoring of communities for common arson targets and intervene to remedy the situation prior to a fire occurring.

There is no cost to the City of Winnipeg to expand this program.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the City enter into, execute and deliver agreements with Take Pride Winnipeg Inc. and the following Winnipeg Business Improvement Zones (BIZs) for participation in the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service Community Fire Prevention Partnership Program, and such other agreements as determined necessary by the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor to implement the intent of the foregoing (the “Ancillary Agreements”):

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o) West Broadway Business Improvement Zone; and
p) West End Business Improvement Zone.

2. That the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the Community Fire Prevention Partnership Agreements and the Ancillary Agreements, in accordance with this report and such other terms and conditions determined necessary by the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor to protect the interests of the City.

3. That authority be delegated to the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of all future similar Community Fire Prevention Partnership Agreements, in accordance with this report and such other terms and conditions deemed 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.

REASON FOR THE REPORT

Council approval is required to enter into the proposed Agreements with Take Pride Winnipeg Inc. and the BIZs.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

Approval of this report will allow the WFPS to enter into agreements with Take Pride Winnipeg Inc. and the BIZs so that they may take part in the Community Fire Prevention Partnership to reduce arson.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

The WFPS currently administers an in-house program called the Community Fire Prevention Partnership. The goal of this program is to identify common arson targets that exist in the community and where possible remedy the situation prior to a fire occurring. The potential remedies include referral to Community By-Law Enforcement, referral to the WFPS Fire Prevention Branch, or education of the property owner regarding the hazard by WFPS Fire Operations crews. The WFPS has a limited operational capacity to deliver this program and is looking for a sustainable way to expand the program in an accountable, well-controlled manner.

Seasonal employees of the various BIZs and Take Pride Winnipeg Inc. have been identified as strong potential candidates to participate. They work outdoors in the community throughout the summer during periods of traditionally higher arson activity. They are employed by civic-minded, community based organizations and can be depended on to comply with the conditions of the program.

The CFPP proposes to educate these seasonal employees regarding three basic categories of fire hazard and give them a simple reporting structure to follow that utilizes the existing City of Winnipeg 311 service for referrals and statistical gathering. Non City of Winnipeg employees will at no time be put in a position of direct contact with the property owners and will be specifically instructed not to engage them in any way.

Under the proposed agreements the WFPS will train the seasonal employees regarding the fire hazards and the reporting structure. The BIZs and Take Pride Winnipeg Inc. agree to comply with the terms of the agreement, the training and reporting protocol and any use of the CFPP brand. The term of the proposed agreement is for five years unless terminated earlier upon either party providing 30 days notice.

Expansion of the CFPP is designed to leverage existing resources.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement **Date:** March 17, 2017

Project Name:

Take Pride Winnipeg Inc. for Participation in the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service Community Fire Prevention Partnership Program

COMMENTS:

There is no financial impact associated with entering into these agreements.

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

CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with:

Legal Services (as to legal issues)
Economic Development Branch, Planning, Property and Development Department

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

01-2a Collaborate to Make Safe Communities, Direction 7- Implement an Approach to Safety and Security that is Collaborative and Involves the Community. The Community Fire Prevention Partnership proactively remedies potential targets for arson prior to a fire occurring. Expansion of the program will bring in civic-minded, community groups as partners in the program to enhance the ongoing monitoring of communities for common arson targets and reporting of potential arson hazards. This collaboration will both increase community safety and contribute to the reduction of fires.

01-2b Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery, Direction 1- Improve Community safety through Risk Reduction. Expansion of the Community Fire Prevention Partnership is designed to enhance the existing program and further reduce the risk and incidence of arson in the community.

SUBMITTED BY

Department: Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service
Division: Fire Prevention and Public Education
Prepared by: Assistant Chief Mark Reshaur
Date: March 17, 2017
File No.