STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

QUESTION PERIOD

Minute No. 105
Councillor De Smedt requested that the Chairperson undertake to have the Mayor indicate to the Provincial Government the City's desire to continue to use Allard School as a training academy for the Winnipeg Police Service.

Councillor Gerbasi noted that a dialogue with the Province would be opened on the issue and that information would be forthcoming to Council.

Councillor Steek questioned the status of the Police Commission Report to which Councillor Gerbasi advised that the matter was still within the purview of the Administration and that the Mayor was awaiting further direction from Councillors in regards to their desires regarding a Police Commission.

Councillor Steek noted that there was $2.6 million in the 2004 Capital Budget for the recladding of the Public Safety Building and questioned if the Chairperson was supportive of seeing those funds reallocated to the building of the first of the new four division model stations.

Councillor Gerbasi made reference to a motion brought forward at the Standing Committee on Protection and Community Services requesting the administration to further report on the logistics of the recladding project at the Public Safety Building and the impact it would have on the 911 staff, and noted that the report from the Administration would be considered by the Standing Committee on Protection and Community Services in April of 2004.

Councillor Steek cited that $535,000, which had been allocated for structural drawings, engineering plans, and other matters connected to the four division model, was now in abeyance and questioned when this project would be undertaken.

Councillor Gerbasi advised it was her understanding that the funds allocated were for the four division model stations and that these funds would be used for this purpose at the appropriate time.

Councillor Wyatt referred to the Public Facilities Review and questioned when the report would be coming forward to which Councillor Gerbasi stated that the report would be forthcoming in the spring, but that she was not aware of what recommendations it would contain.

Councillor Wyatt stated that it had been indicated to him that the report was recommending principles and a methodology for reviewing all City facilities to which Councillor Gerbasi reiterated that she was not aware of the recommendations.

Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services - Question Period (continued)

Councillor Wyatt questioned if there was a review of museums being conducted to which Councillor Gerbasi replied that there had been an informal Council Session regarding the Winnipeg Arts Council who provide funding for museums such as the Manitoba Museum and the Aviation Museum, whereas neighbourhood museum budgets are the responsibility of the City Clerk's Department. Councillor Gerbasi further indicated that there would be a report forthcoming from the City Clerk's Department, but that there had been no follow up on establishing a formal committee or process to investigate museums.