Minute No. 170
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks – January 9, 2018

Item No. 1 Winnipeg Police Board - 2018 Strategic Plan Update

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 Police Board 2018 Strategic Plan update be received as information.

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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 January 17, 2018, 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 January 9, 2018, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Police Board and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE DECISION:

On January 9, 2018, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks placed on record its appreciation of the work Ms M. Richard has done at the Winnipeg Police Board.

WINNIPEG POLICE BOARD DECISION:

On December 1, 2017, the Winnipeg Police Board received as information the report from the Strategic Planning Steering Committee.

Further on December 1, 2017, the Winnipeg Police Board approved the 2018 Strategic Plan update.

WINNIPEG POLICE BOARD RECOMMENDATION:

On December 1, 2017, the Winnipeg Police Board submitted the 2018 Strategic Plan update to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks to be forwarded to Council for information.

Strategic Planning Steering Committee Report
December 2017

RECOMMENDATION:
That this report be received as information.

Overview
The Strategic Planning Steering Committee is composed of all Board members. It provides direction on the organization of annual community consultation meetings and the development of multi-year strategic plans for the Winnipeg Police Service.

The Strategic Planning Steering Committee met on November 3, 2017. This report is a summary of the Committee's activities since it reported to the Board on March 10, 2017. The Strategic Planning Steering Committee meets as needed, and times its meetings around the Board's consultation meetings and strategic plan updates.

2017 Community Consultation Process
For 2017, in lieu of hosting its own community consultation meetings, the Board attended public forums the Winnipeg Police Service hosted throughout the city. These events provided Board members with opportunities to hear community members talk about the crime and safety issues that concern them, and the events were well-attended. The public forums that Board members attended in 2017 include:

- Magnus Eliason Recreation Centre on March 20
- Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre on June 5
- Glenlawn Collegiate on October 10
- Churchill High School on November 27

Consistent with its practice in past years, the Board will publish a report on its consultation activities on the Board's website (http://winnipeg.ca/clerks/boards/WpgPoliceBoard/publicconsultations.stm).

2018 Strategic Plan Update
The Committee met on November 3 to review options for updating the strategic plan developed by Board staff in consultation with the Winnipeg Police Service. The options were based on revisions and feedback offered by Board members throughout 2017, which in part reflected what Board members have heard from various stakeholders including members of the public. As the Board monitored the environment for policing and received updates from the Chief of Police on the Service's implementation of the strategic plan, the Board identified targets from the original 2015-2019 Strategic Plan that were no longer feasible or did not fully reflect the Board's expectations for the Service.

The Strategic Planning Steering Committee revised the strategic plan and is recommending the 2018 Strategic Plan Update for Board approval. The introduction to the 2018 update outlines the changes for 2018, and the Board's rationale for refining each of these targets. Pending Board approval, the 2018 Strategic Plan Update will be posted on the Board's website.

The Board will start working on its next strategic plan in 2018. The Board hopes to adopt a brand new strategic plan in 2019. This timing complements the City of Winnipeg's update of the OurWinnipeg plan, and creates opportunities for the Board to participate in the Speak Up Winnipeg consultation process in order to collect more community input. The Board feels it is time to do a substantial review of its strategic plan for the Winnipeg Police Service because the current environment for policing is significantly different from when the strategic plan was first adopted in May 2015. At that time, crime in Winnipeg had been consistently declining for some years. Since then, crime in Winnipeg has increased for two straight years and the Service must respond to an increasing demand for police services with limited resources. This changing context calls for a new strategic plan.