Agenda - Executive Policy Committee - January 21, 2004

REPORTS

Item No. 3 Request for Additional Fire Fighters - Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service
File GF-5

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 12, 2004, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services recommended:

1. That in the year 2004, the on-duty staff of suppression shall be increased to 160 from 158 on-duty Fire Fighters.

2. That an additional 8 Fire Fighters be hired to bring up the on-duty complement to 160 at an expenditure of $390,000.00 for 2004.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 12, 2004, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services passed the following motion, namely:

> WHEREAS the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service is proceeding to implement a "Rapid Response Vehicle" at #23 Station located at 880 Dalhousie Drive South;
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> AND WHEREAS there is a need recognized by both the United Fire Fighters of Winnipeg and the Administration for a Shift Safety Officer to ensure the highest level of safety throughout Fire Suppression;
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> AND WHEREAS the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service is in need of increased staff due to safety standards such as NFPA 1710;
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> AND WHEREAS Emergency Medical incidents attended to by Fire Fighters have increased in the City of Winnipeg from 7,500 in 1997 to 13,500 in 2000 to 27,500 in 2002;
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> AND WHEREAS Fire Fighters are expected to provide heightened emergency medical response;
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> AND WHEREAS the current compliment of 158 on-duty staff and the implementation of a Rapid Response Unit will result in the deletion of 1 Pumper Unit or 1 Rescue Unit;
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> THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in the year 2004, the on-duty staff of suppression shall be increased to 160 from 158 on-duty Fire Fighters;
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> BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an additional 8 Fire Fighters be hired to bring up the on-duty complement to 160 at an expenditure of $390,000.00 for 2004;

and forwarded the matter to Executive Policy Committee.

Further, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services considered a written presentation from Alex Forrest, United Fire Fighters of Winnipeg, in support of their request for 8 additional Fire Fighters.