STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION,

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS

MOTIONS

Minute No. 331
Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Schreyer,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is involved in neighbourhood and community safety through Our Winnipeg, Winnipeg Committee for Safety and various one time grants with no consistency for the community groups delivering non-police safety services;

AND WHEREAS other areas of the city besides Downtown need city investments in safety such as safety strategies, citizen / ambassador patrols, safe places for youth and initiatives that deal with prevention of crime from the community like the Gang Action Network and North End Hockey Program;

AND WHEREAS investments in neighbourhood and community safety reduces the need for WPS resources;

AND WHEREAS patrols and other safety initiatives reduce the amount of property crimes and other kinds of criminal activity;

AND WHEREAS volunteer based safety patrols are unsustainable in various neighbourhoods throughout the city;

AND WHEREAS 24/7 youth drop in centres provide a safe place for the WPS to drop off at risk youth in addition to youth dropping in on their own at an estimated $350,000.00 per year cost;

AND WHEREAS communicating with the Winnipeg Police Service, Winnipeg Police board, Community Services, Winnipeg Committee for Safety, business improvement zones, and City Council members' offices who hear from community groups trying to deal with safety issues without stable consistent funding ;

AND WHEREAS a 0.5 percent property tax increase in 2018 is equivalent to $2.75 million, probably more than is needed for safety initiatives;

Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks – Motions (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to:

1. Identify neighbourhoods and business improvement zones which need safety strategies, neighbourhoods and business improvement zones which cannot depend on voluntary citizen patrols, communities needing 24/7 youth drop in centres and organizations that deliver safety/crime prevention services;

2. Estimate the costs to provide grants to cover the costs of formulating safety strategies, safety patrols, 24/7 youth drop in centres and various crime prevention initiatives in order to utilize a onetime property tax increase in a dedicated city fund allocated annually for said purposes beginning in 2019's budget;

3. Establish a grant application process that would allow a not for profit entity to request funding to create a safety strategy, safety patrol, 24/7 youth drop in centre and various crime prevention services identified in the first be it resolved.

Automatic Referral to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law