STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON

PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

QUESTION PERIOD

Minute No. 238
Councillor Steek questioned if at Executive Policy Committee, the Chairperson spoke in support of the Winnipeg Police Services request for an additional $800,000 for officers and an additional $300,000 for civilian additions.

Councillor Gerbasi advised she did not and stated that all members of EPC agreed that they could not meet everybody's wish list. She noted the monies weren't in the budget put forward and that EPC agreed on what had been put forward.

Councillor Steek questioned if prior to making the decision along with EPC, did the Chairperson speak with the Chief of Police about his concerns and his requests, to which Councillor Gerbasi replied that she speaks to the Chief of Police on an ongoing basis about his concerns.

Councillor Steek questioned if the Chairperson spoke with the Chief of Police about the specific request for an additional $1.1 million, to which Councillor Gerbasi replied that if Councillor Steek did not agree with EPC's decision, he could make a motion to add more police officers.

Councillor Wyatt cited Community Services' coordination of the public use facility review and questioned if there was still going to be a public consultation process.

Councillor Gerbasi stated that to her understanding, nothing had changed as to how the study was originally proposed.

Councillor Wyatt noted that it was his understanding that there would be no public consultation prior to the recommendations being made, to which Councillor Gerbasi reiterated that she was unaware of any changes, but that she would to speak to the Director of Community Services to determine what public consultations were being undertaken.

Councillor Wyatt questioned when the public use facility review report would be coming forward, to which Councillor Gerbasi stated that it was her understanding that it would be in the April or May of 2004 timeframe.

Councillor Wyatt questioned when the report on the establishment of a police commission would be available, to which Councillor Gerbasi replied that the CAO had committed to have it ready in the next couple of months.

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Councillor Steek made reference to a request from the Winnipeg Police Service for $1.3 million for overtime and questioned if the Chairperson had had any discussions with the Chief of Police as to why there was such a request, to which Councillor Gerbasi noted that there would be informal and formal budget meetings forthcoming at which the Chief of Police would be in attendance, and that Councillors could deal with those questions at that time.