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Comments in writing: I will be speaking to a few aspects of #10. Having watched to the bitter end of last week's public works meeting, I must thank all of you for your work on the budget. There has been a lot of valuable data presented to you recently. Your questions show your dedication to your jobs. Thank you!
In contrast to some delegations, I do support your worship's safety programs, and the level of funding for the police force.
On page 243, I see that some of the actual WPS income figures are missing. Past actuals are very useful in assessing the 2023 expectations for income in any budget. In this case, for photo enforcement, that is PE. In past reports and conversations, WPS has made clear that only with 'enhanced' situations can PE income targets be met. I would suggest to you that you should budget for a program that follows provincial law and universally-accepted engineering documents. If you do so, and everyone operates properly, the 15 million dollar target will not be met. Please do not expect or compel your police service and its contractor to break rules, by leaving the $15.4 million figure in your budget. Someone should remind us all of an age-old ethics principle. Paying enforcement folks from a pot of money that they fill with fines, inherently conflicts them and their managers. Money can overtake safety as the goal. There is ample evidence of this in recent years.
I also see that no money has been set aside for a trial of cameras for WPS vehicles and front line staff. These are in use around the world. Many of us in Winnipeg have dash cams front and rear. It is not too late to add a little money for these. There may be politics involved, but the case for cameras is strong. A trial of cameras would support many council goals for the WPS, both in better enforcement and in accountability.
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