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REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES DATED APRIL 13, 2023 – ITEM 1 – WINNIPEG POLICE BOARD – 2023 STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

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Comments in writing: Under policies, there is no mention in the Report of any evolutionary changes needed in policy. In recent years, there have been examples of WPS being duped in cases of public mischief. In 4 recent cases WPS resources were squandered, and the innocent punished. By refusing to take action against the perpetrator, the WPS invites being duped again. A private business that wants a TRESSPASS NOTICE delivered should pay a private service. The WPS should no longer expend thousands in scarce resources, doing this mundane task for free. There is no mention here of action being taken to avoid such harms in the future.

There is a reference to CALEA, but no indication of WPS taking action to fix any variances, between WPS and CALEA policies. The public has mentioned such variances.

Under Fiscal, there is no mention of how WPS plans to deal with the huge shortfall in income in recent years, due to drivers being more cautious and law abiding that expected. Violating the safe and well-engineered plans for construction zones is known to increase the profitability of photo enforcement. If there is a way to increase income, while following the terms-of-use in the law, and respecting the designed signage, this report should explain how.
On page 12, there is a paragraph on TRAFFIC. In this paragraph is the false claim that photo enforcement began in 2013. This program has been collecting funds for the city for more than 20 years. There is no mention in this report of the fact that the PE program has been operated by the WPS in violation of the Province's required reporting. In other words PE has not been operated lawfully.
Page 15 mentions employee safety, but is silent on the obvious indicators. Measuring and increasing the fraction of WPS employees who use seat belts in cars is one way. The reports fails to track seat belt use and slip-and-fall injuries to staff. If WPS were serious about employee safety, these and other areas would be tracked.

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