Minute No. 591
Standing Policy Committee on Community Services – Notice of Motion

Item No. 1 Winnipeg Police Service Four District Stations

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council did not concur in the notice of motion, and as such, the item was not adopted.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

COUNCIL DECISION:

Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Duncan,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is currently suffering from an urban health crisis, including an unacceptable level of crime that is negatively affecting our neighbourhoods;

AND WHEREAS on July 23, 2003, Council adopted the "Four District Model" for restructuring the Winnipeg Police Service, being four geographic districts designated as East, West, North, and Central;

AND WHEREAS the Council motion adopted on July 23, 2003, provided that the restructuring of the Winnipeg Police Service to the Four District Model would result in a number of benefits, including improved public access to the police service, increased police visibility and public interaction, and cooperative partnerships with the community;

AND WHEREAS the North, West, and East District stations are currently "CLOSED", as stated on the City of Winnipeg website, at all hours;

AND WHEREAS public accessibility to front-line Winnipeg Police Service members is critical to building safer communities and an effective model of community policing, in accordance with the original intent of the Four District Model;

AND WHEREAS all City of Winnipeg services should prioritize "customer service" to residents.

AND WHEREAS City Council in the 2023 Operating Budget has asked the Winnipeg Police Service to find approximately $9 million of "efficiencies" and that this represents a significant financial challenge to the Winnipeg Police Service;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council request the Winnipeg Police Board to do the following:

1. That the North District Station at 260 Hartford Avenue, West District Station at 2321 Grant Avenue, and East District Station at 1750 Dugald Road be reopened immediately to the public for 12 hours per day during the day shift, 7 days a week.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

2. That each of the Four District stations install and maintain visible outdoor signage advertising that the Four District stations are available and accessible to the public within the said operating hours referred to in Recommendation 1 and that all websites and city public information be changed accordingly.

3. That clearly marked areas for free Visitor Parking be provided for the newer District Stations.

4. That financial resources and security measures be provided to ensure that any operational changes to the Four District stations' hours does not negatively impact front-line members.

5. That in the event the said office hours with staffing cannot be accommodated within the existing Winnipeg Police Service budget, that the matter be referred by the Winnipeg Police Service for inclusion in the 2024 – 2027 multiyear operating budget for consideration.

6. That the relevant by-laws or policies of the City of Winnipeg and Council be amended accordingly.

7. The Proper Officers of the City do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

The Speaker called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:

Yea: Councillors Dobson, Duncan, Eadie, Gilroy, Santos, Schreyer, Sharma and Wyatt 8

Nay: His Worship Mayor Gillingham, Councillors Allard, Browaty, Chambers, Lukes, Mayes, Orlikow and Rollins 8

and the item was declared lost, due to a tie vote.