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Item No. 2 Agreement with Downtown Community Safety Partnership Inc. (DCSP) for Program Coordination and Response in the DCSP Coverage Area

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services and submitted the following to Council:

1. That the City enter into, execute and deliver an Agreement with Downtown Community Safety Partnership Inc. for program coordination and response in the DCSP coverage area, and such other agreements as determined necessary by the City Solicitor/Director of Legal Services to implement the intent of the foregoing.

2. That authority be delegated to the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the Agreement with the Downtown Community Safety Partnership Inc. for program coordination and response in the DCSP coverage area, and such other agreements as determined necessary by the City Solicitor/Director of Legal Services to protect the interests of the City.

3. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Duncan,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 31, 2023, the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Agreement with Downtown Community Safety Partnership Inc. (DCSP) for Program Coordination and Response in the DCSP Coverage Area

Critical Path: Standing Policy Committee on Community Services – Executive Policy Committee - Council

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service (WFPS) operates a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system and public safety trunked radio system, which allows specific users to communicate in an encrypted secure environment.

Under the proposed agreement, the Downtown Community Safety Partnership (DCSP) will be given partitioned access to certain WFPS-controlled radio talk groups and CAD information sent electronically in order to facilitate communication and coordination between the DCSP and WFPS.

Entering into this agreement will benefit the local community and the citizens of Winnipeg by facilitating the delivery of more appropriate care for vulnerable populations with a potential to reduce the number of calls WFPS responds to. This aligns with the Executive Policy Committee decision of November 18, 2020, on the implementation of the Harvard Bloomberg Initiative.

Costs associated with implementing or terminating use, as well as activation charges, licence fees, equipment purchase, or any other costs associated with DCSP's use of the loaned radios or CAD equipment would be paid for solely by DCSP, as set out in the Agreement. A summary of the terms and conditions of the agreement is attached as Appendix A.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the City enter into, execute and deliver an Agreement with Downtown Community Safety Partnership Inc. for program coordination and response in the DCSP coverage area, and such other agreements as determined necessary by the City Solicitor/Director of Legal Services to implement the intent of the foregoing.

2. That authority be delegated to the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the Agreement with the Downtown Community Safety Partnership Inc. for program coordination and response in the DCSP coverage area, and

such other agreements as determined necessary by the City Solicitor/Director of Legal Services to protect the interests of the City.

3. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

REASON FOR THE REPORT

Council approval is required to enter into an agreement with DCSP for access to WFPS radio talk groups and CAD system information in order to facilitate communication and coordination between WFPS and DCSP.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from entering into the Agreement as all costs will be paid for by DCSP.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

The City of Winnipeg and the private sector are partners in the Downtown Community Safety Partnership Inc. (DCSP). The Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) and Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service (WFPS) are represented on the DCSP Board, and all those involved have a common interest and mandate to ensure the downtown area is as safe as possible.

The access to WFPS talk groups and Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system information would allow DCSP to communicate with WFPS should a situation arise where WFPS is required to attend or DCSP comes across a high priority situation that requires immediate WFPS response.

The WPS have loaned necessary radios, batteries, and a bank of battery chargers to DCSP in order to facilitate this communication. WFPS intends to supplement this equipment, as required, with upcoming surplus radios.

CAD access would occur via secure partition on WFPS CAD infrastructure, managed by the WFPS and provided on City-owned and managed cellular devices.

In addition, DCSP would also migrate their telephony infrastructure to the WFPS-managed VOiP system for secure voice communications and CAD workstations would be installed at DCSP's corporate office for inter-agency coordination.

Any costs associated with implementing or terminating use, as well as activation charges, licence fees, equipment purchase, or any other costs associated with DCSP's use of the loaned radios, cellular devices, or CAD equipment would be paid for solely by DCSP, as set out in the Agreement. This includes, but is not limited to, any hardware deemed appropriate by the WFPS, any software and programing of radio(s) or electronic systems and any ongoing maintenance required to ensure secure communications.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement Date: Oct 04, 2023

Project Name:
Agreement with Downtown Community Safety Partnership Inc. (DCSP) for Program Coordination and Response in the DCSP Coverage Area

COMMENTS:

There are no financial impacts arising from the recommendations in this report.

JohnHall FCMA, CGMA
Financial Controller
Fire Paramedic Service

CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with:

- Legal Services

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

Safety and Security - Collaborate to Make Safe Communities - Direction 6

WINNIPEG CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ALIGNMENT

Consideration was given as to whether this report connects to the Winnipeg Climate Action Plan (CAP), and it was determined that the CAP is not applicable to this specific report.

WINNIPEG POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY ALIGNMENT

Goal 4 – Community Well-Being Supports for those in Greatest Need are Increased

10-Year Objective

C. Strategic partnerships to connect people to needed supports are developed.

SUBMITTED BY

Department: Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service
Division: 9-1-1 Communications
Prepared by: Ronald Williscroft, Director of 911 Communications
Date: October 4, 2023
File No:

Attachments: Appendix A – Summary of terms and conditions

Appendix A

Summary Terms and Conditions of Downtown Community Safety Partnership Inc. Agreement

Parties to the Agreement	• The City of Winnipeg. • Downtown Community Safety Partnership Inc.
Services to be Provided	• City will provide and maintain radios, cellular devices, VOIP phones and CAD workstations to DCSP. • DCSP will be given partitioned access to certain WFPS controlled radio talk groups and CAD information in order to facilitate communication and coordination between the DCSP and WFPS.
Term	• Effective Date until terminated by either party.
Termination Provisions	• 60 days written notice by either party. • All equipment provided by WFPS will be returned.
Insurance	• DCSP will maintain commercial general liability insurance in the amount of at least $2,000,000 inclusive.
Financial	• WFPS will invoice DCSP for recoverable costs, which will include costs for implementing or terminating use, as well as monthly costs for use, maintenance, and connectivity of City assets.