Minutes – Council – December 12, 2024

Minute No. 53
Report – Executive Policy Committee – December 4, 2024

Item No. 5 Funding Agreement between Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation and The City of Winnipeg for the Purchase and Operation of Automated Licence Plate Readers

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That total funding of $334,777 received by the City from Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation for the purchase of automated licence plate readers in 2021, 2022 and 2023, be retroactively approved.

2. That that a maximum capped amount of $240,000.00 be received by the City from Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation as funding towards the purchase of automated licence plate readers.

3. That the City enter into, execute and deliver a funding agreement with Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation and such other agreements as determined necessary by the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor to implement the intent of the foregoing (the "Ancillary Agreements).

4. That authority be delegated to the Chief of the Winnipeg Police Service to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the funding agreement with Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation and the Ancillary Agreements, in accordance with this report and such other terms and conditions deemed necessary by the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor to protect the interests of the City.

5. 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 His Worship Mayor Gillingham,
That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted by consent.

Carried

Councillors Allard, Gilroy and Orlikow were absent for the vote on the above motion.

David Grant submitted a communication with respect to the matter.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On December 4, 2024, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the matter to Council.

David Grant submitted a communication in opposition to the matter.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Funding Agreement between Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation and The City of Winnipeg for the purchase and operation of Automated Licence Plate Readers

Critical Path: Executive Policy Committee - Council

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The negotiated Funding Agreement between Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation (MPI) and The City of Winnipeg outlines the responsibilities with respect to the purchase and operation of automated licence plate readers (ALPR).

MPI provided funding to the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) to enable the purchase of the technology. The WPS is solely responsible and liable for all obligations associated with being the purchaser, including payment to the ALPR vendor. A letter of agreement commenced September 1, 2020, and will conclude December 31, 2025. A total of 14 ALPRs were acquired (six in 2021, four in 2022 and four in 2023) at a total cost of $334,777. In 2024, MPI approved additional funding to a maximum capped amount of $240,000.00 for the WPS to acquire six additional ALPRs.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Council retroactively approve total funding of $334,777 received by the City from Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation for the purchase of automated licence plate readers in 2021, 2022 and 2023.

2. That Council approve that a maximum capped amount of $240,000.00 be received by the City from Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation as funding towards the purchase of automated licence plate readers.

3. That the City enter into, execute and deliver a funding agreement with Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation and such other agreements as determined necessary by the City Solicitor / Director of Legal Services to implement the intent of the foregoing (the “Ancillary Agreements).

4. That authority be delegated to the Chief of the Winnipeg Police Service to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the funding agreement with Manitoba Public

Insurance Corporation and the Ancillary Agreements, in accordance with this report and such other terms and conditions deemed necessary by the City Solicitor / Director of Legal Services to protect the interests of the City.

5. 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 the funding agreement with Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI).

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

With the funding provided by MPI, the WPS will purchase six automated licence plate reader units at a maximum capped amount of $240,000.00.

The Service is solely responsible for any costs that exceed the maximum funding amounts which are associated with purchasing, distributing, and maintaining the ALPR units and managed services.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

The Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) Traffic Division has operated licence plate readers since 2010, when an agreement with MPI provided for the purchase and deployment of two units occurred. In working closely with law enforcement partners to reduce collisions, deaths and injuries on Manitoba's roadways, MPI provided further funding for the WPS to replace existing and acquire additional automated licence plate readers (ALPR).

In 2020/21, MPI approved funding for the WPS to acquire six ALPRs to replace existing units already deployed in the Service. In 2022 and 2023, MPI approved funding for the WPS to purchase four ALPRs each year. In total, MPI provided funding of $334,777 for 14 devices.

MPI has approved funding to a maximum capped amount of $240,000.00 for the WPS to purchase six ALPRs in 2024.

MPI has no responsibility with respect to the purchase of the ALPR units and no liability for any claims of the ALPR vendor(s). WPS will retain ownership and sole responsibility of its ALPR units, including any costs associated with maintenance, repair or replacement. WPS must install its ALPR units in police vehicles that are no older than five years.

Through enforcement, the WPS expects the benefits of the automated licence plate readers will include:

- expedient identification of unregistered vehicles;
- identification of vehicles that unlicensed or suspended/prohibited drivers are or have been associated with;
- assistance in the identification and recovery of stolen vehicles; and
- identification of drivers who may have an outstanding warrant for their arrest.

WPS is required to provide a written report to MPI on the use of its ALPR units.

Acquiring the ALPR technology through the funding agreement with MPI will assist in making roadway policing more efficient at minimal cost to the City.

On November 14, 2024, the Winnipeg Police Board received this report from the Winnipeg Police Service for review and consideration. On November 15, 2024, through communication from the Board Administrator, the Winnipeg Police Board advised that it accepted this report, and indicated that the Winnipeg Police Service may proceed with the submission of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement

Date: October 16, 2024

Project Name:

First Year of Program **2020**

Funding Agreement between The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporaton and The City of Winnipeg for the purchase of Automated Licence Plate Readers

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Funding Sources:					
Debt - Internal	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Debt - External	-	-	-	-	-
Grants (Enter Description Here)	-	-	-	-	-
Reserves, Equity, Surplus	-	-	-	-	-
Other - Enter Description Here	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funding	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -				
Total Additional Debt Required	$ -				
Current Expenditures/Revenues					
Direct Costs	$ -	$ 129,388	$ 91,224	$ 114,165	$ 240,000
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery	-	129,388	91,224	114,165	240,000
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ -	$ (0)	$ (0)	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	-	-	-	-	-
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ (0)	$ (0)	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments: The direct costs above are the actual and estimated costs related to the purchase of automated licence plate readers in the respective years. Funding provided by Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation to the Winnipeg Police Service to cover the costs of the ALPR units.

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Assist.Director of Finance
Winnipeg Police Service

CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with:

Legal Services
Winnipeg Police Board

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

The recommendations of this report align with the overarching goal of Good Health and Well-Being.

WINNIPEG CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ALIGNMENT

N/A

WINNIPEG POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY ALIGNMENT

N/A

SUBMITTED BY

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Division: Executive
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