Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – June 16, 2026

REPORTS

Item No. 6 Application to Public Safety Canada's Crime Prevention Action Fund

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and recommended to Council:

1. That the receipt of $95,000 from the Government of Canada (Public Safety Canada) for the Winnipeg Collaborative Street Safety Centre be ratified.

2. That the contribution agreement entered into, executed and delivered on March 24, 2026, between the City and the Government of Canada (Public Safety Canada) be ratified, and that authority be retroactively delegated to the Chief Financial Officer to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the contribution agreement, with the Government of Canada (Public Safety Canada) in accordance with this report, and such other terms and conditions deemed necessary by the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor.

3. That, subject to the ratification of Recommendation 1, Council ratify a grant to the Downtown Community Safety Partnership Inc. in the amount of $95,0000 to support the Winnipeg Collaborative Street Safety Centre for the period ending March 31, 2026.

4. That the contribution agreement entered into, executed and delivered on April 1, 2026, between the City and the Downtown Community Safety Partnership Inc. be ratified, and that authority be retroactively delegated to the Chief Financial Officer to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the contribution agreement, with the Government of Canada (Public Safety Canada) in accordance with this report, and such other terms and conditions deemed necessary by the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor.

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

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Browaty,

That the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

David Grant submitted a communication in opposition to the matter.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Application to Public Safety Canada's Crime Prevention Action Fund

Critical Path: Executive Policy Committee – Council

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In December 2025, Council authorized the Public Service to apply to Public Safety Canada's (PSC) Crime Prevention Action Fund. Any funding was to be used to support an interagency crime prevention pilot.

In January 2026, Public Safety Canada advised that new project funding was available. However, these projects had to be started and finished by March 31, 2026. The Public Service made an application for the "Winnipeg Collaborative Street Safety Centre" (WCSSC). Due to the tight timelines, this was done before seeking formal Council approval.

The pilot project supports coordinated responses to concerns regarding:

- public safety,
- social disorder, and
- community wellbeing.

The Public Service received $95,000 from PSC and the funding was spent as per the program requirements. It paid for most of the $116,800 cost of this part of the pilot project. The rest was covered by the Downtown Community Safety Partnership.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the receipt of $95,000 from the Government of Canada (Public Safety Canada) for the Winnipeg Collaborative Street Safety Centre be ratified.

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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

On December 17, 2025, Council authorized the Chief Administrative Officer to apply for federal funding under Public Safety Canada's Crime Prevention Action Fund to support an interagency public safety pilot project. Following a time-sensitive funding opportunity in January 2026, the Public Service proceeded with an expedited application and received $95,000 in funding; however, due to the requirement that funds be accepted and expended prior to March 31, 2026, there was insufficient time to return to Council before submitting the application and initiating project expenditures.

This report provides Council with an overview of the funding opportunity, the approved project, and associated expenditures.

Council is required to accept and award grants and to delegate approval of contribution agreements.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

If Council does not ratify the receipt of funding, associated contribution agreements, and grant allocation to the Downtown Community Safety Partnership, the City may be required to identify alternate funding sources to cover expenditures already incurred and/or repay funds received from Public Safety Canada.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

Council Direction

On December 17, 2025, Council concurred with the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee to approve the following recommendation related to the 2026 Preliminary Operating Budget:

Z. That the CAO be authorized to submit an application for funding (on behalf of the City and/or in collaboration with the Manitoba Ministry of Justice, the Winnipeg Police Service, Downtown Community Safety Partnership or other agencies) under Canada's

Crime Prevention Action Fund to support an interagency crime and incident prevention pilot under the Safe Winnipeg Initiative, with the following conditions:

i. The application may only commit resources from existing approved budgets for the City's participation in this project; and

ii. The CAO will circulate the final proposed application to members of City Council before submission to the Government of Canada.

Funding Opportunity and Application Submission

In January 2026, the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer was advised by Public Safety Canada (PSC) that the 2025 Crime Prevention Action Fund included a time-limited opportunity for projects that could be implemented and completed prior to March 31, 2026.

Given the accelerated timelines required to develop, approve, and deliver eligible activities, the Public Service advanced an application to ensure the City did not forgo available federal funding. The application proposed the Winnipeg Collaborative Street Safety Centre (WCSSC), an interagency pilot initiative designed to enhance coordinated responses to public safety, social disorder, and community wellbeing concerns through collaboration between municipal, community safety, outreach, and social service partners.

Following submission, the City was advised that the application had been approved and that $95,000 in funding would be provided to support implementation of the pilot.

Due to PSC's requirement that funds be both accepted and fully expended by March 31, 2026, there was insufficient time to return to Council for approval prior to initiating project expenditures. This report provides Council key information regarding the funding opportunity, the approved project, and associated expenditures.

Winnipeg Collaborative Street Safety Centre

The Winnipeg Collaborative Street Safety Centre (WCSSC) project is intended to improve how participating agencies share and use information related to crime, social disorder, and vulnerable populations in downtown Winnipeg. The project focuses on strengthening coordination between agencies and improving the use of data to support more timely, informed, and collaborative responses to public safety and community wellbeing concerns.

WCSSC advances recent efforts to enhance collaboration between the City of Winnipeg, the Downtown Community Safety Partnership Inc. (DCSP), Community Safety Officers, the Winnipeg Police Service, and the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service, and other key partners. Project activities included planning and development work to improve information sharing and coordination. This includes exploring ways to connect and consolidate information from different partner systems into a shared operational platform to support better situational awareness and coordinated decision-making.

While the project remains in development and implementation, foundational systems, processes, and partnerships have been established to support future testing and evaluation of coordinated approaches. The early stages of this initiative are intended to position the City and its partners to pursue additional funding opportunities, including potential future investments

from Public Safety Canada, to further enhance data sharing and strengthen coordination among enforcement, outreach, emergency response, and social service partners.
More broadly, the application for this funding was pursued as an initial entry point to establish proof of concept for a more comprehensive, scalable model. It is anticipated that demonstrating early implementation success will support the development of a broader, more fully resourced initiative with expanded scope and system-wide impact over time.

Funding Allocation and Expenditures
To support implementation of the WCSSC, funds were directed toward the DCSP to advance development of a coordinated, multi-agency response model and associated enabling infrastructure. Technical consultants provided support related to system integration, operational planning, and development of the technological infrastructure required to support future collaboration.

Expenditures supported:

- Enhanced data integration across participating agencies;
- Development of shared situational awareness tools; and
- Foundational systems required to enable real-time, coordinated decision-making and multi-agency response.

These investments were necessary to establish the technical and operational foundation for the pilot within the compressed implementation timeline. The scope of work prioritized core infrastructure, systems integration, and specialized expertise required to deliver a functional and scalable collaborative model.

The total eligible expenditures associated with this phase of work are estimated at $116,800. This reflects the broader costs required by DCSP to complete the integration work, of which the Federal contribution of $95,000 represents a partial offset. The remaining costs are being absorbed through DCSP’s broader project commitments.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement **Date:** May 20, 2026

Project Name: **First Year of Program** **2026**

Application to Public Safety Canada's Crime Prevention Action Fund

	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
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	$ 95,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery	95,000	-	-	-	-
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	-	-	-	-	-
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments: Direct costs represent the grant to the Downtown Community Safety Partnership (DCSP) in the amount of $95,000 to support the Winnipeg Collaborative Street Safety Centre (WSSC). Funding was received from the Government of Canada (Public Safety Canada).

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CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with:

- Legal Services

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

Leadership and Good Governance
1.4 Integrated Knowledge and Resources
Coordinate inter-departmental systems, projects and resources, making the best use of internal and external expertise to better understand service needs, find the most appropriate solutions, optimize resources, and maximize community outcomes.

Good Health and Well-Being
4.3 Proactive Health Intervention
Utilize social determinants of health to understand and achieve poverty reduction, crime prevention and hard reduction.
4.6 Community Safety
Facilitate a culture of safety and crime prevention across the City and community, by building trusting relationships to enable collaborative action.
4.9 Inclusive Public Places
Provide and promote the amenities, and the design and maintenance standards, necessary to ensure accessible, safe and sanitary conditions in gathering spaces frequented by the public.

WINNIPEG CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ALIGNMENT

Consideration was given as to whether this report connects to Winnipeg Climate Action Plan (CAP), and it was determined 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 Objectives:

A. The immediate needs of residents experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness are met through collaboration with community partners and other levels of government.
C. Strategic partnerships to connect people to needed supports are developed.
D. The City adopts a Harm Reduction approach to reduce the harms of substance use for residents.

GOAL 8: Equity in Community Safety is Increased through Collaboration

10 Year Objectives:

A. Community and equity-based approaches to safety are prioritized and resourced, particularly for First Nations, Metis Nation, Inuit, Black, Racialized and Religious Minority groups and in areas of high poverty.

SUBMITTED BY

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Division: Community Development
Prepared by: Greg MacPherson
Date: May 21, 2026

Attachments:

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