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Q1: With the dissolution of the relationship between MBCOPP and MPI, it has left us in limbo for fees to cover CRC's. I understand that the Association for Manitoba Municipalities has agreed to assist municipal groups, and Manitoba Justice has agreed to assist in funding "in the near future." Will the grant money that has been applied for be used to assist city groups for CRC fees? Or how/will fees be covered?

As provided in the Chairperson Report in your package. The Association of Manitoba Municipalities had passed a resolution to assist us by lobbying the Province to source a partner to provide program funding. Funding in the way of a grant was received. Future discussions will continue on establishing more predictable funding in the future.

Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) has a unique Criminal Record Check process as result of abuse from the public and by employers sending people to apply under COPP for no charge criminal record check. This process for Winnipeg groups has been communicated. If the process is followed there not will be charge for valid COPP applicants. Applicants applying for the check for any other interests will be charged the WPS fee, by them. Our involvement with WPS is exclusively for the only purpose being to volunteer with a MB COPP group. This is a process created by WPS to prevent abuse which is occurring.

Q2: New Equipment Distribution Policy/ Handling of Sharps and Needles Policy - What are the policies? Where are policies kept, and why haven't they been distributed to groups?

The policies and procedures were previously on the old web site which went un-operational. Some more established groups may have had a print copy but this has not been available for a number of years. Contact your Regional Representative any time for any policies. They were recently undergoing a consistency format edit which took longer then expected. Moving forward you will also have access to all policies through the website coordinator portal as well as the ability to report / track your patrol information on the website. Recent final testing of portal revealed vulnerabilities and a server malfunction, so implementing the access has been delayed. As reported in the Chairperson report the website was a major undertaking to redesign with challenges and setbacks. It is expected to start roll out to the group coordinators very soon.



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Q3: Where is equipment now being stored? With our group membership on the rise, we are struggling and are coming up with creative ways to provide basic (notebooks, reflective vests) patrol equipment to our patrollers, and it seems as if these measures are becoming permanent.

Equipment is being relocated from the primary Brandon site to three separate distribution strategic rural locations and one in Winnipeg. This should be sorted in the coming week. As reported in the Chairperson Report there were significant equipment purchasing delays due to supply chain disruptions. If you are waiting for equipment, contact your regional representative to make arrangements. Equipment entitlement follows our equipment policy which contains an enhancement to safety vests and vehicle signs.

Q4: With our current Chairperson stepping down, as well as other positions needing to be filled, we would like clarification on how the new ones will be selected. Is the membership voting for these positions or is the board appointing persons into these roles? Are nominations being accepted?

The membership will elect the nominated Regional Representatives at the AGM and Executive positions are elected by the Provincial Board as outlined in Bylaw 1. Nominations for Regional Representatives are not accepted from the floor at the AGM. Policy and Procedure 2 contains the nomination requirements and procedures to follow. Nominations submitted by COPP groups will be reviewed and decided upon by the Provincial Board, with assistance from members of the Resource Council.

Q5: We would like to put a motion forward to have Winnipeg represented by region (like all other regions) as opposed to city, with each region having a member elected to the board. As was stated in several messages from the Board, there are many things that need to be done, so more motivated board members being able to perform those vital tasks, especially in Winnipeg where many of the tasks must be performed, is a good idea.

A motion is not required as Winnipeg already contains four regions. In the past only one person stepped up to be a Winnipeg Region Representative. Subsequently this current Regional Representative offered to be appointed to cover all the Winnipeg regions to help provide guidance and direction and a contact to under represented Winnipeg groups. The Board has recently communicated opportunities to participate as a regional representative but no nominations were received.



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Q6: We understand that our relationship with WPS is in good standing, but COPP is not mentioned anywhere on their website/city websites, however Bear Clan and other groups are. Is there a reason as to why or why not?

We have a very good relationship with Winnipeg Police Service. They have two representatives on the Board. They have our program information and we have no control over their website content. We will pass along your comment to our Winnipeg Resource Council Representatives.

Q7: When will external sources of information (mb.211.ca, Resources - Winnipeg Committee for Safety - City of Winnipeg) be updated to show the new contact information for the organization?

It was not brought to our attention until now and updated contact information has now been provided. We have no control over their timelines to correct information. The focus has been to provide our own accurate primary information source as our web site. External sources of information are secondary and we have been far to committed to realize information from another source was not up to date.

Q8: Can the all or some of the unspent proceeds of crime forfeiture monies that was repaid be re-applied for, with a new deadline window?

All unused funds are required to be returned. The only portion returned at this time is the \$36,650 conference funds which would have been impossible to use due to the covid pandemic restrictions. Any additional operational funding returns will be minimal. Funding must be generally used for the purpose outlined in the application. Funding for a conference in 2022 was included in the new funding application.

Q9: Clarification on utilizing Criminal Proceeds of Crime grant funds.

The Criminal Proceeds of Crime funds received as a conditional grant in 2020 must be used within 10 months. The funds need to be spent as outlined in the purpose as indented in the application with any unused purpose funds returned. A detailed financial report for the 2020/2021 distribution including receipts will need to be provided to Criminal Property Forfeiture as per their requirement.



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Q10: Realizing the Board is working hard to continue the program and new regional representatives will be elected to the Board, is help still wanted for certain tasks.

Over a thousand hours of volunteer time has gone into keeping this program operational with a good portion of that time from my personal sacrificed hours to build sustainability into program. All Board members are volunteers and do the best they can, within the time they have. This is much different then a corporation layered with resources coordinating a program with a paid employee.

The Board has done an amazing job of keeping this program intact after loss of our almost 30 yr sponsor and during a word wide pandemic causing much disruption and hardship even within MB COPP.

We will know better in the coming days as to what areas of operational assistance we will still require. Areas we most certainly need volunteer help with is a fund-raising lead and committee to seek out grants and other source of funding. The other area is someone with advertising abilities to act as contact for advertising inquiries and potentially sell advertising space on our website.

Q11: Regarding not proving a balance sheet and the end date of the income statement not matching the year end. As well stating the financial statement should have been prepared as an incorporation.

Financial statements have never been given out before so it didn't seem relevant to provide a balance sheet which would only contain chequing account and account payable balances.

The income statement was intended for information to show how our funds were spent year to date and estimating upcoming expenses. Grant funds were not received until Aug 2020. Our fiscal year end is not until June 30th and our past AGM's have been in Oct. This year's AGM is before our year end in June. As we are not currently incorporated there is no requirement to follow the Corporations Act. In the future when incorporated will provide reporting as required.



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Q12: A submitted comment came up regarding loss (or perceived loss) of incorporated status. If it's only been 2 or 3 years since last filing and that's not long enough for the MB Companies Office to have closed the file.

MB COPP status is dissolved, we currently are in process of an Incorporation Revival as this was the procedure recommended by MB Companies Office for best outcome. Many documents were required to be submitted with an application. They need to review and be satisfied with the submitted documents before they will change our status. It is a time-consuming process amplified by the covid pandemic

Q13: They recommend that a delegation of not greater than 2 per patrol group virtually attend the meeting, but that doesn't seem absolute. I remember in the days of physical meetings, the WW COPP would regularly send about 5 people.

Since this meeting is being held online and not in person a maximum delegation of two participants was recommended to not overload our limited participants electronic platform.