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Park Police



PROTECTING OUR PARKS SINCE 1897



Park Police under threat!

CUPE members working in our Park Police Service play a critical role in keeping our citizens safe.

All too often, our parks have been the scene for anti-social behaviour, and the Park Police, with powers of arrest, are the key to making the parks a safe venue for everyone.

Now the City wants to disband the Winnipeg Park Police and create a new “park security” and “park watch ambassador” model to save \$100,000. This will result in the redundancy of fourteen academy trained police officers!

We believe that this is the wrong decision and will only put the public more at risk.

Why should you care?

The Park Police are a huge asset to our police force, community and citizens.

For more than a hundred years, the Winnipeg Park Police have looked after us in the parks, watched over events and provided us with a police presence - which we need if we are to feel safe and make good use of our parks.

The Park Police have the training, authority and powers of arrest to deal with a wide range of problems that protect public safety. They are:

- ① Federal Criminal Code such as thefts, vandalism and assaults;
- ① Provincial statutes including liquor control act and highway traffic act;
- ① Enforcing City By-law violations such as noise, parking and parks.

But as a way to save money, the City will soon be taking away this service.



What can you do?

We are encouraging citizens to talk to their Councillors about the importance of maintaining and enhancing the Park Police Service.

You can help and make a difference by:

- writing a letter to the newspaper;
- contacting your Councillor;
- posting this brochure in your workplace or passing it on to a friend.

Join the campaign to help keep our parks a safe and enjoyable place for you and your family.

For more information visit our website at www.cupe500.mb.ca

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