



### **Media Advisory**

#### **Outcome of Inquiry under *The Code of Ethical Conduct for Police Board Members***

Last November, information came to the attention of the Winnipeg Police Board that raised the question of whether or not one of its Board Members, Councillor Ross Eadie, breached *The Code of Ethical Conduct for Police Board Members* (the Code) during his interactions with the Winnipeg Police Service in the early morning hours of November 7, 2015.

As all Board Members have a responsibility to ensure they and their colleagues are following the Code, the Board determined to inquire into Councillor Eadie's conduct during those hours. In compliance with section 15 of the Code, Councillor Eadie did not exercise his duties as a member of the Board for the duration of the inquiry. At a private meeting with Councillor Eadie this morning, the Board concluded its inquiry.

After considering the relevant information before the Board, which had been provided to Councillor Eadie in advance of the meeting, and his responses to that information and to the Board members' questions, the Board determined that Councillor Eadie has not breached the Code, in that his conduct did not discredit or compromise the integrity of the Board.

Winnipeg Police Board Chair Councillor Scott Gillingham had recused himself from participating in this inquiry, to avoid any perception of bias or an improper motive in its pursuit. Upon hearing of the Board's determination this afternoon, Councillor Gillingham expressed his appreciation to the Board for diligently, properly, and fairly carrying out their responsibilities to inquire into and determine this matter.

Councillor Gillingham, along with all of Councillor Eadie's colleagues on the Board, look forward to him resuming his valuable contributions to the work of the Board.

Media inquiries should be directed **Councillor Scott Gillingham, Chair of the Winnipeg Police Board**, by phone via 204-986-2320 or by email at [ScottGillingham@winnipeg.ca](mailto:ScottGillingham@winnipeg.ca).

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