



COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

Committee Report

To: Chair and Members of the Wellington County O.P.P Detachment Board
From: Ken DeHart, County Treasurer
Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2024
Subject: **Police Financial Statements and Variance Projections as of May 31, 2024**

Background:

This report is respectfully submitted in accordance with the County's Budget Management Policy and provides a first projection to year-end based on expenditures and revenues to May 31, 2024, for Police Services.

Operating

- Grant funding received to date includes:
 - The Bail Compliance and Warrant Apprehension (BCWA) grant and associated reporting is complete. This grant was approved by the province in late 2023 and was not accounted for in the 2024 budget. Funding received for the first-year amounts to \$148,400 and is fully offset by expenditures under purchased services. Additional funding will be received throughout 2024, with no net impact to the overall Police budget at year-end.
 - Community Safety and Policing (CSP) grant for suicide prevention and postvention has received the first quarter of funding (\$38K)
 - The first installment of the prisoner transport grant funding (\$8,200) has been received, while the RIDE grant will be received later in the year.
- False alarms are close to budget so far this year and parking fine revenue is ahead of budget as this relates to collections of legacy tickets from the pilot programme in Centre Wellington and a reconciliation of those fines will be completed over the course of the year. The Township is taking over collection of its own tickets related to the downtown parking enforcement starting this year. No significant variance is anticipated.
- Record check amounts include the 1st quarter reconciliation. Based on amounts received to date no significant variance is expected.
- Salaries, wages, and benefits for County staff are close to budget and no variance is expected.
- Supplies, materials and equipment are slightly below budget as building equipment and maintenance services have been lower than expected, no significant variance is anticipated
- Purchased services are ahead of budget targets to date as a result of the above mentioned BCWA grant expenditures. This line also includes the first quarter expenses related to work being done by CMHA for the CSP grant. This will be entirely offset by CSP grant funding and will have no levy impact. All other costs under this line item are predominantly on budget with no overall variance anticipated.

O.P.P. Contract

- The 2024 contract includes an allocation amount for a new Media Relations Coordinator with an April 2024 start date. The posting for the position has been delayed as provincial staff are managing legislative changes and are required to rate the position as it is a brand-new position in the O.P.P. At this point, staff expect to post and fill the position in the fall. Anticipated savings from the delay in hiring are anticipated to be between \$70,000 and \$80,000.
- Annual reconciliations of the prior year's O.P.P. contract are provided in the fall. The County anticipates receiving the 2023 reconciliation with the 2024 O.P.P. contract estimate in the October to November time period.
- County staff budgeted for an estimated 2023 O.P.P. contract reconciliation of \$450,000 to be applied in the 2024 budget year. Staff will provide an update when the reconciliation has been received.

Summary

As the majority of the police budget pertains to the contract costs, staff cannot provide an accurate forecast of the overall variance to the budget until the O.P.P. contract reconciliation for 2023 is received in the fall. Outside of the contract, staff are anticipating the police budget to see a positive variance between \$80,000 and \$100,000 as a result of the delay in hiring the new position.

Capital

Capital projects within Police Services, address facilities, equipment, and technology needs. The primary funding sources are the County Property Reserve or General Capital Reserve which are funded through annual operating contributions collected through the tax levy.

The total 2024 approved capital budget is for \$130,000 and is funded by the County Property Reserve. It consists of one approved project carried forward from 2023.

Open Capital Projects on December 31, 2023	\$130,000
Add: 2024 Approved Capital Budget	0
Less: Budget Adjustments	0
Less: Capital Projects Closed to date in 2024	(\$130,000)
Less: Prior Year Capital Spending	0
Less: 2024 Capital Spending	0
Open Capital Projects on May 31, 2024	\$ -

The project for external weathering work at the Teviotdale O.P.P. detachment was kept open over the winter season to determine if there were any issues. The project was subsequently closed, returning \$24,000 to the capital reserves.

Strategic Action Plan:

This report relates to the following objectives and priorities in the County's Strategic Action Plan:

- Making the Best Decisions for the Betterment of the Community.

Recommendation:

That the Financial Statements and Variance Projections as of May 31, 2024, for the Police Services be approved.

Respectfully submitted,



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County Treasurer