



COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Police Services Board
From: Ken DeHart, County Treasurer
Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2022
Subject: **Preliminary 2023-2032 Ten-Year Plan: Police Services**

Background:

This forecast provides a high level view of major budget issues and planned capital investments and serves as a guide for departments in preparing their detailed current year operating and capital budgets. The preliminary corporate ten-year plan will be considered by the Administration, Finance and Human Resources Committee on November 29, 2022 and the forecast will be updated at the time the budget is approved early in the New Year.

Major Operating Budget Impacts

Staff are in the process of compiling the detailed 2023 operating budgets for each department. Major items reflected in the 2023 Police Operating Budget include the following:

Revenues

- The Community Safety and Policing grant (CSP) for the suicide prevention/postvention programme has been approved for additional funding (\$224,800 per year for the 2022-2025 period)
- The revenue to be received in 2023 through the prisoner transport grant has been reduced by \$15,000 based on the 2022 approved grant amount
- The board approved an increase to all false alarms based on full cost recovery beginning on February 1, 2022. The budget for 2023 has been increased by \$70,000 in order to reflect amounts collected thus far in 2022.
- User fees and charges (predominantly record checks) has been increased by \$20,000 based on experience to date in 2022

Expenses

- The province has submitted an OPP policing contract cost estimate for 2023 of \$17,626,811. The cost per property has increased slightly from \$428.34 in 2021 to \$428.88 in the 2023 estimated billing. Overall, contract costs have increased by \$219,500 or 1.2% from 2022.
- Due to the moratorium on uniform officer hiring while the OPP is working on a new service delivery model – it is recommended that the funds earmarked for one uniformed officer in 2023 be redirected to three civilian positions (1 FT and 2 PT Collision Reporting Clerks) with an April 2023 start date. The positions are expected to cost just under \$150,000 in the 2023 budget.
- There is an allowance for one new uniformed officer beginning in 2024 and throughout Ten-Year Plan that will be added to the contract to keep pace with growth in the County and to address service level requirements. Each additional officer is expected to cost approximately \$188,000 annually (in 2024 dollars).

- The provision to account for the annual OPP contract reconciliation remains at \$450,000 in 2023. This amount is included as an offsetting reduction to the transfer payment line. The 2021 reconciliation amount received in October 2022 was just over \$586,500.
- The transfer payment to Safe Communities for \$30,000 and the transfer to Project Lifesaver for \$10,000 have been maintained throughout the 2023-2032 ten-year plan.
- Debt charges for the Teviotdale OPP detachment mature in 2022 and 2023 (two separate debt issues) resulting in a reduction to this line of \$80,000 in 2023 and \$141,000 in 2024.

Capital Budget Forecast

In accordance with the Budget Management Policy, the list of capital works includes those initiatives that have a long term benefit to the corporation and whose capital cost is at least \$25,000. Where applicable, capital budgets are presented as inflated by 15% for 2023, 5% for 2024 and 3.5% for 2025-2032. The inflation factor for 2023 represents the current non-residential construction price index. It is anticipated that inflation will return to historical levels and the future forecast reflects this expectation. Highlights of the capital forecast are as follows:

- Equipment related capital expenses include the replacement of the radar detection devices in 2027 and the replacement of the Rockwood detachment generator in 2031. Equipment capital purchases are funded from the General Capital reserve
- Lifecycle replacements at the Rockwood detachment continue with \$925,000 budgeted over the ten years. Staff will evaluate timing and budgets as projects identified in the later years of the forecast move closer to present time.
- Teviotdale detachment has a budget of \$245,000 for furniture replacements (2023), interior upgrades (flooring and paint) and security camera replacement (2029).
- Aboyne detachment includes \$625,000 for interior upgrades (flooring and paint) in 2025, a rehabilitation of the air-handling units in 2026, furniture replacements in 2027, plumbing replacements and HVAC control system in 2029 and elevator modernization in 2030.
- Facility-related projects total \$1.9 million over the forecast and are funded through the Property reserve.

The detailed 2023 operating budget and revised ten-year plan will be presented to the Board in January. Attached to the report is the current proposed ten-year operating budget and ten-year capital budget for Police Services.

Recommendation:

That the preliminary 2023-2032 Police Services capital budget forecast and major operating budget impacts as set out in this report be endorsed and forwarded to the Administration, Finance and Human Resources Committee for inclusion in the County of Wellington's Preliminary Ten-Year Plan.

Respectfully submitted,



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