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Good afternoon Mr. Cheung (Francis),

Thanks for your letter dated April 29th, 2021 as it is truly appreciated.

I now have had the opportunity to consult further with "E" Division Corporate Management Branch, "E" Division Human Resources Branch, the Director of "E" Division Information Management and the Department of Justice (RCMP Legal Services) relative to the questions you have posed in your letter dated April 29th, 2021. For ease of reference, I have included in the body of this email each of the four questions posed and my response is articulated after each question.

1. How much of the Mayor's Gala overtime costs were allocated to the Township of Langley?

The RCMP contracts Police Services in British Columbia via the Province of BC to many municipalities across the Province. While we work collaboratively with all of our partner agencies and our Municipal Police partners, we must be prudent when responding to informal information sharing requests between municipalities, even if they form part of an integrated policing model as is the case with the Langley RCMP Detachment, which provides policing services to both the City and Township of Langley. As such, it is inappropriate for my office to share or disclose any financial information about another municipality without their expressed consent. Should you wish this financial information please feel free to contact the Township of Langley directly.

2. Why is there a significant discrepancy between the Gill report and the RCMP report on taxpayer costs, one saying \$8,100 and one saying \$361.44?

A comprehensive overview was conducted by "E" Division Corporate Management Branch and \$361.44 was charged against the City of Langley's collator (E1557) on this matter. I am not disputing the fact that other RCMP police officers and their respective spouses/guests attended this gala. However, I can confirm that the City of Langley was billed \$361.44 for four hours of overtime which could be traced back to the email that Supt. Power sent to his senior officers in order to encourage them to attend the Mayor's Gala and that a 4-hour overtime shift would be approved to cover the costs of purchasing 2 tickets to the gala. For ease of reference please find attached my email to you dated April 6th, 2021.

3. Why did it take over one year to receive a response from the RCMP?

I can confirm that the complaint was acted upon immediately once received. An assessment of the information was conducted and further steps were taken in order to determine the nature of the allegation(s) and actions that could be taken based upon the limited information provided. Senior Conduct Authorities and Advisors worked to gather additional information and the evidence necessary in order to determine what process or processes were available and how the complainant wanted to proceed. Once the threshold was met to initiate a Code of Conduct, it was mandated.

During the Code of Conduct (RCMP Act Part IV) investigation and deliberation, the RCMP was entitled to withhold financial reporting information from the City of Langley in relation to the Force's costs for RCMP members assigned to the City of Langley, all in relation to the Gala event. Now that the Code of Conduct proceeding has concluded, there is no legal reason to not disclose the requested financial information to the City of Langley. As such, this information has already been supplied to the City of Langley as noted in my answer to the second question as noted above.

4. Why was the former OIC of the Langley detachment Superintendent Murray Power reassigned?

We must respect that as an employer there is legislation in place that restricts the type of information that can be shared with respect to Code of Conduct investigations under the *RCMP Act*. Conduct is subject to the *Privacy Act* and only in such cases that the matter results in a formal Conduct Dismissal Hearing, would information be public. This was not the case in this matter.

In closing, I would also like to take the time to acknowledge that I truly value our professional and collaborative working relationship. While we have different mandates, we both share the common goal of community safety.

Respectfully,



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