



REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject: 2026/27 RCMP Budget Approval in Principle

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From: Graham Flack, CPA, CMA
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RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council authorize a letter of approval in principle be sent to the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General to increase the 2026/27 detachment strength by 2 members to 56.35 members and increase the 100% Municipal Policing budget in principle for 2026/27 to \$18,378,402.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the report is to respond to the RCMP headquarters request for projections of the human and financial resource needs in 2026/27 for Federal Government planning purposes. Each year, the City is required to respond in accordance with our contract with the Province.

POLICY:

None.

COMMENTS/ANALYSIS:

The City is required to provide a Letter of Approval in Principle annually for the RCMP budget estimates and a letter for any anticipated changes to the authorized strength in the following fiscal year. This letter allows the RCMP enough time to make requests through to the Federal Treasury Board to secure the 10% Federal funding share. Attached (Appendix 1) is a copy of the Municipal Contract Policing Multi-Year Plan 2026/27 letter from Dwayne McDonald, Deputy Commissioner & Commanding Officer of the BC RCMP, dated June 1, 2025 which includes schedules

and appendices detailing the 2026/2027 budget, notes and assumptions, average salary forecast and E Division – Division Administration projections. The RCMP acknowledges the Letter of Approval in Principle is requested prior to Council’s 2026 financial plan deliberations, and emphasizes it is required for planning purposes only. The Letter of Approval in Principle is not a final commitment in terms of any additional personnel or for the financial budget indicated. This request will be included in the City’s 2026 Financial Plan for Council’s deliberation early next year.

The City’s current authorized contract strength is 54.35 members. The RCMP forecast the City may require an additional 12 police resources over the next five year to maintain core policing responsibilities, particularly in frontline operations and major crime investigations to address the anticipated community growth with the recently adopted Official Community Plan and the arrival of SkyTrain.

Staff is recommending Council consider adding 2 new members as part of our 2026 financial plan deliberations. A detailed business plan will be presented to City Council as part of the 2026 financial plan process to support the requested increase in members.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

This letter of approval in principle is for planning purposes only. The final funding decisions will be deferred until the Financial Plan is presented to Council in early 2026.

To continue to provide 54.35 members, the City’s RCMP contract budget reflected in the 2026 Financial Plan will increase approximately \$728,008 largely driven by estimated wage increases.

Budget for 54.35 Members

	RCMP BUDGET 2025/26	RCMP BUDGET 2026/27	INCREASE
CONTRACT STRENGTH 100%	\$ 15,324,940	\$ 16,111,580	\$ 786,640
INTEGRATED TEAMS 100%	1,651,682	1,673,940	22,258
	\$ 16,976,622	\$ 17,785,520	\$ 808,898
MUNICIPAL SHARE 90%	\$ 15,278,960	\$ 16,006,968	\$ 728,008

Based on the information currently available, each additional member is budgeted at \$266,797 (Municipal 90% Share). If Council chose to increase the authorized strength by 2 additional members it would require a further increase of \$533,594.

Budget for 56.35 Members

	RCMP BUDGET 2025/26	RCMP BUDGET 2026/27	INCREASE
CONTRACT STRENGTH 100%	\$ 15,324,940	\$ 16,704,462	\$1,379,522
INTEGRATED TEAMS 100%	1,651,682	1,673,940	22,258
	\$ 16,976,622	\$ 18,378,402	\$1,401,780
MUNICIPAL SHARE 90%	\$ 15,278,960	\$ 16,540,562	\$1,261,602

ALTERNATIVES:

If the detachment strength remained at 54.35 members, with no new members being added, the 100% RCMP 2026/27 budget estimate that is approved in principle would be \$17,785,520.

Each additional member would require approximately \$296,440 of funding at 100%.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

Attachment: 1. Multi-Year Financial Plan – City of Langley (2026-3031)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTS:

I support the recommendation.



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Chief Administrative Officer