



REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor Schaffer and Councillors**

Subject **2018 RCMP Approval in Principal**

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From: Darrin Leite, CPA, CA
Director of Corporate Services

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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 maintain the detachment strength at 51.35 members and increase the 100% RCMP budget by \$308,858 for a RCMP total budget cap of \$10,902,813.

PURPOSE:

Each year, the City is required in accordance with our contract with the Province, to respond to the RCMP headquarters request for projections of the human and financial resource needs in 2018/2019 for Federal Government planning purposes.

POLICY:

None.

COMMENTS/ANALYSIS:

The RCMP Headquarters has initiated the planning process for the 2018/2019 annual budget. Each year they request that the City provide a letter of approval in principle to support staffing changes and a total budget estimate. This request facilitates the Federal Treasury Board's budgetary cycle. This letter is for planning purposes only and does not represent a final commitment on the part of the City. This request will be included in the City's 2018 Financial Plan for Council's deliberation early next year.

Superintendent Murray Powers has not requested any new RCMP officers in 2018.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

The City's RCMP contract budget reflected in the Financial Plan will increase in total approximately \$277,902 in 2018 (See Appendix 1). This includes an estimated 2.5% wage increase.

Based on the information currently available, each member is budgeted at \$170,469. The funding decisions will be deferred until the Financial Plan is presented to Council in early 2018.

The actual strength reflected in the 2018 budget will be 51.35 + \$1,151,583 for the Integrated Teams which anticipates the Province will be paying 30% of IHIT rather than the current 10%.

We have been asked to reflect in the letter 100% of the RCMP costs even though the City is only responsible for 90% of the costs. The total budget cap in 2018 is therefore \$10,902,813 (see Appendix 2). The budget cap reported in 2017 was \$10,593,955 so the increase is \$308,858.

The City's Financial Plan budget for the RCMP contract is based on the calendar year and will total \$9,399,458 (90%) because it is reduced by 3.125 budgeted vacancies (see Appendix 2).

ALTERNATIVES:

None.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Director of Corporate Services

Attachment(s): Appendix 1 and Appendix 2
RCMP May 11, 2017 request letter.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTS:

I support the recommendation.



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Chief Administrative Officer