



EDMONTON POLICE SERVICE



REPORT TO THE EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION

DATE: 2012-Jan-19

SUBJECT: Semi-Annual Report on Financial Impacts to the Edmonton Police Service

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That this report be received for information.

INTRODUCTION:

At the Jan 21, 2010 Commission meeting, Edmonton Police Service was requested to provide a semi-annual report on the financial impacts resulting from provincial or federal direction or legislation. The last report was provided to the Commission in July of 2011. This report will provide an update on those issues and details of new financial impacts on the EPS for the last six months of 2011.

COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:

Decisions made by the Provincial or Federal Government including the introduction of new legislation may have a financial impact on EPS.

Attachment I is an update on issues previously identified on the July 2011 report.

Attachment II is an update on new issues identified since the July 2011 report.

The costs in 2011 are not significant but there is uncertainty about the consequences in 2012 and beyond.

CONCLUSION:

That the Edmonton Police Commission (EPC) receives this report for information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED:

Attachment I Previously Reported Items
Attachment II New Items

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ATTACHMENT I

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ITEMS

No	Issue	Description including updates	Costs To Date (\$'000s)	Potential Annual Costs (\$'000s)
1	New Remand Centre	The new Edmonton Remand Centre in the north end is scheduled to open in January 2013. This will have an impact on business processes, staffing and vehicle costs. A project to fully explore all impacts to the EPS has begun including the development of a comprehensive business case for the transportation of prisoners to the New Remand Centre and further discussions with the Solicitor General and Sheriff's around their level of responsibility and commitment to these issues.	0	\$1.0 million and 8.0 FTE (preliminary figures)
2	Revised retention period for CCTV records	The provincial standard for the retention period for these records has been increased to one year with a compliance date of Dec 31, 2013. The capital project to enable the EPS to meet the new standard was not approved as part of the City's 2012 – 14 Capital Budget.	0	\$160 – 175k Including 1.0 FTE (Pending EPS decision to meet standard)

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3	API3 - The Alberta Law Officers Network	<p>Alberta Police Integrated Information Initiative (API3) is a joint project involving the Alberta Solicitor General and Public Security and the core police agencies in Alberta. The project is planning to deliver a province-wide repository of police information using a common set of software tools.</p> <p>To date, the EPS has provided subject matter experts, at an indirect cost, for workshops to confirm business requirements and define future business processes.</p> <p>It is expected that additional costs of approximately \$1.5 million will be incurred by EPS from 2012-14 to fund the implementation. EPS will continue to participate by providing assigned resources, at a direct cost, to the project prior to implementation and ongoing costs following implementation are currently unknown.</p>	Est \$235 in direct costs	To Be Determined
4	ALERT	<p>ALERT has adjusted their vacancy rate to 12% in 2011 and 2012. To date there has been no impact and the 2012 budget has been adjusted to reflect the change by ALERT.</p>	0	To Be Determined
5	Transportation of Mental Health Individuals	<p>Mental Health Services' focus has changed from institutional programs to community based programs and has been affected by physician recruitment processes, intake hospital processes, and bed closures/reassignments. This has resulted in Patrol officers being occupied with these calls, taking them away from other patrol duties.</p>	\$109	\$262

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6	Police Applicant Tracking Sheet (PATS)	Working with Provincial Recruiting Steering Committee and 451 Solutions, PATS is up and running, being utilized by ALL provincial police agencies. Hosting and Maintenance costs are shared by Calgary Police Service and Edmonton Police Service (\$40,000). The 2012 EPS budget has been updated.	\$20	\$20k annually to 2015
7	Fort McLeod	The EPS has been informed that when Fort McLeod opens the initial focus will be on training Community Peace Officers. It is not known when the Fort McLeod training facility will offer any type of training for police agencies. However it is anticipated to have a minimal impact on the EPS.	0	To Be Determined
8	Integrated Justice	Standing Committee On Prosecutions and Enforcement Management (SCOPE) has been replaced by Court Case Management Committee (CCM2) and remains a provincial initiative spearheaded by Alberta Justice which is looking at implementing an electronic court disclosure protocol for the Province of Alberta. The technical specifications and implementation timeframe are still unknown, but are being actively worked on by the province.	Minimal for EPS members to participate in meetings and committees.	To Be Determined (a potential \$200k for implementation)

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9	Alberta First Responders Communication System	<p>In March 2011, the Province awarded the contract to build a province-wide radio system with Harris. The detailed design is underway and construction will happen over the next three years. When the system is operational in the Edmonton region, the EPS will have an opportunity to move their radio operations to that system. To take advantage of this opportunity the EPS will need to invest in compatible user radios at an estimated cost of \$8 million (however the radios need to be replaced anyway and the incremental cost to add compatibility to the Provincial P25 technology is approximately \$2 million). A capital budget case was presented to EPC for the cost of replacing these radios.</p> <p>The capital project has been approved as part of the City's 2012 – 14 Capital Budget.</p>	0	0
10	Vulnerable Sector Fingerprinting	<p>On 2010 July 22 a policy change by the RCMP requiring fingerprint submission for any Vulnerable Sector police information check applicant who had the same sex and date of birth as a pardoned sex offender has resulted in a significant increase in workload for the EPS. In addition, the EPS is required to process a fee or an exemption letter on behalf of the RCMP.</p> <p>RCMP enhancements to the CPIC system has ensured that unreported name changes would not allow pardoned sexual offenders to avoid being identified through a vulnerable sector query.</p>	45 (staff time)	110 (staff time)

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ATTACHMENT II

NEW ITEMS

No	Issue	Description	Costs To Date (\$'000s)	Potential Annual Costs (\$'000s)
1	Flight Operations Reallocation	The EPS has been based and operated its aircrafts from the City Center Airport since the beginning of the EPS fixed wing program (25 years ago) and the inception of the helicopter program (2001). With the imminent closure of the airport, relocation plans are being explored with possible locations at the Villeneuve Airport just west of Edmonton and Namao.	0	To Be Determined
2	Bylaw Business Licenses	The new business license amendments and subsequent application process started on January 01, 2012 and certain areas within the EPS will be consulted on the appropriateness of issuing a business license. New regulations within the bylaw stipulate that applicants related to the consultations will be required to have a police information check done prior to applying. This will have an impact on business processes, staffing and potential legal costs. Documentation and measurements have been put in place to fully explore all impacts to the EPS of this new bylaw amendment and the application process (i.e. legal, personnel, information technology and revenue).	0	To Be Determined

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3	Provincial Government Fuel Tax	This item came from an Alberta Urban Municipalities Association discussion whereby the Conservative government considered the introduction of a new fuel tax that municipalities could use to fund their transportation infrastructure costs. It would be up to each municipality to determine how much fuel tax they would levy on citizens which would increase fuel costs for the EPS.	0	To Be Determined
4	Metal Act – Copper (Bill 205)	Bill 205 (Scrap Metal Dealers and Recyclers Act) is under review and has to go through several readings before receiving Royal Assent. It is expected that this will lead to changes in the recording of information (electronic vs. paper) and this may have an impact on the EPS.	0	To Be Determined
5	C26 Drunk Driving	Legislation (Bill 26) has increased sanctions for drivers who provide breath samples between 50mg%-99mg%. The new Legislation will require the minimum 50mg% level raise to 60mg% to ensure appeals to the Legislation are successful. Qualified Breath Technicians (QBT) will be required to ensure a QBT is available to obtain a sample 24/7/365.	0	Re-program Testers (\$1k) Training (\$4-13k) Towing (To Be Determined)
6	C10 Omnibus Bill	A full EPS assessment of this legislation is underway.	0	To Be Determined