



# EDMONTON POLICE SERVICE



## REPORT TO THE EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION

**DATE:** 2013-Jan-31

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

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### 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 2012. This report will provide an update on those issues and details of new financial impacts on the EPS for the last six months of 2012.

### 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 2012 report.
- Attachment II is an update on new issues identified since the July 2012 report.

### CONCLUSION:

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**

<b>No</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Description including updates</b>	<b>2012 Costs To Date (\$'000s)</b>	<b>Potential Annual Costs (\$'000s)</b>
1	New Remand Centre	<p>The new Edmonton Remand Centre (NERC) at 18415-127 Street is scheduled to open April 6, 2013. This will have an impact on business processes, staffing and vehicle costs. The Edmonton Police Service is required to transport detainees to NERC that were previously walked through a tunnel to the old remand centre. This will require a specially designed transport van (\$78k) and eight constables to cover the 24/7 requirement at an estimated cost of \$1,017k. Sheriffs are not available to be contracted for this function at this time however if they are available in the future costs may be reduced. To date, \$55k has been committed for the fit up of EPS equipment requirements at the facility.</p>	\$55k for technology set up	Estimate \$1,017k for 8.0 FTE and \$78k for 1 transport vehicle
2	Flight Operations Relocation	<p>The EPS has operated its aircraft 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 the EPS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In negotiations to move the fixed wing program to Villeneuve.</li> <li>• Have engaged a consultant to review all options available to maintain efficient operations of the helicopter program.</li> </ul> <p>A business case is in the initial stages to identify options and costs.</p>	\$0	To Be Determined
3	Metal Act – Copper (Bill 205)	<p>Bill 205 (Scrap Metal Dealers and Recyclers Act) is under review and a reading in spring 2012 occurred. Unfortunately, the fall session ran out of time and this issue was missed for the second time. However, while in a holding pattern, it is still expected that this will lead to changes in the recording of information (electronic vs. paper) and this may have an impact on the EPS.</p>	\$0	To Be Determined

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4	C26 Drunk Driving	<p>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.</p> <p>In June, the Government of Alberta made a public announcement on the initiative with a portion of the initiative beginning July 01, 2012.</p> <p>The favorable impact to tow revenue and expense is partially offset by a fall in other tows. The overall impact has been factored into the 2013 towing budgets.</p>	<p>Tow Revenue \$397</p> <p>Tow Expense \$154</p> <p>Net \$243 (6 months)</p>	<p>Re-program Testers \$1k</p> <p>Training \$4-13k</p> <p>Towing \$486k (assume doubled)</p>
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### ATTACHMENT II NEW ITEMS

No	Issue	Description	2012 Costs To Date (\$'000s)	Potential Annual Costs (\$'000s)
1	C10 Omnibus Bill	The EPS assessment of this legislation will continue to be reported separately to the EPC.	\$0	To Be Determined
2	Alberta Witness Protection Act	<p>The Alberta Witness Security Act came online on April 1, 2012 and the Act compels all law enforcement agencies in Alberta to provide protective services to at-risk witnesses who have given, are giving, or expected to give evidence in serious criminal prosecutions. The applicant police agency is responsible to fund any witness assistance and/or relocation.</p> <p>The EPS has incurred witness costs in prior years, but were not specifically tracked. However, the nature and type of these investigations are increasingly more complex and serious so the financial costs may vary significantly between cases. Legislation is now in place whereby all remedies are approved and directed by the Provincial Government, therefore the EPS has no control on the type and extent of what is required on a case by case basis.</p>	\$78.7k from April to December	2013 Estimate \$70k - \$250k
3	Impact of Alberta Health Services	<p>The continual review of the AHS deployment model/methods shows that the number of dispatched calls is slightly increasing year over year as are the Unit Service time, Man-Hours at scene time and Man-Hours service Time. The final 2012 costs are lower than first projected because the projection was based on high volumes in the first 3 months of 2012.</p> <p>It has been determined that this is likely the direct result of a protocol change within EMS. The EPS will be meeting with EMS to continue to discuss alternatives available to EMS with a desired outcome of having EPS attend fewer calls than they presently are.</p>	\$540k actual increase since 2010	\$540k actual increase since 2010

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4	Provincial Recruitment Strategies	Provincial Municipal Police Services are bound to the Provincial Recruitment Strategies and the mandatory testing and recruiting tools established by the Province. This has resulted in financial support for testing tools, databases, and processes and is a cost share with the Calgary Police Service. The tools, databases and processes cannot be accessed elsewhere due to licensing agreements etc.	\$50k EPS	\$50k EPS
5	Investigative Skills Education Program (ISEP)	<p>The Edmonton Police Service has been committed to ISEP courses over the past three years with the coordinator and instructor being funded by the Provincial Government. In 2013 the Provincial Government is no longer funding the position and program. The Edmonton Police Service is committed to the delivery of the ISEP programs and will reallocate staff on a short term basis until sustainable permanent funding is established.</p> <p>The RCMP and Calgary Police Service have assigned their own staff to manage their ISEP programs.</p>	NIL	\$200k