



# EDMONTON POLICE SERVICE



## **REPORT TO THE EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION**

**DATE:** 2012-Jul-19

**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 January of 2012. This report will provide an update on those issues and details of new financial impacts on the EPS for the first 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 January 2012 report.
- Attachment II is an update on new issues identified since the January 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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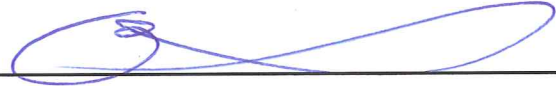


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**ATTACHMENT I  
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ITEMS**

No	Issue	Description including updates	2012 Costs To Date (\$'000s)	Potential Annual Costs (\$'000s)
1	New Remand Centre	<p>The new Edmonton Remand Centre in the north end of the City is scheduled to open in April 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. The preliminary staffing cost estimate for prisoner transport is \$1.6 million with a further \$140,000 for two transport vans. To date, \$70,000 has been committed for the fit up of EPS equipment requirements at the facility.</p>	<p>\$70k for technology set up</p>	<p>Estimate \$1,740k for 16.0 FTE and 2 transport vehicles</p>
2	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 projects original plan was to deliver a province-wide repository of police information using a common set of software tools.</p> <p>The API3 project recently changed their focus (22 May 2012) to providing Medicine Hat and Calgary the API3 information system and the project will work with those two Police Services. EPS involvement with the project is suspended.</p> <p>To date, the EPS had provided subject matter experts, at an indirect cost, for workshops to confirm business requirements and define future business processes. Should the EPS ever join API3 \$1.5 million will be required (one time cost).</p>	<p>Estimated at \$150k for staffing</p>	<p>As the project is suspended annual costs are estimated at \$150k for staffing</p>

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	Fort McLeod		To Be Determined
3	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, at this time it is anticipated to have a minimal impact on the EPS.	\$0	
4	Standing Committee On Prosecutions and Enforcement Management (SCOPE) has been replaced by Court Case Management Committee (CCM2) and remains a provincial joint initiative between the EPS and Alberta Justice. Leading the way in this regard is the planned pilot project between EPS (IMAC) and AB Justice relative to digital evidence transfer (narrative and video assets). The pilot is expected to commence in the next 2-3 months and if successful will lead to full implementation of digital evidence transfer.	\$25k (contracted service)	<p><b>Operational:</b> 1 FTE = \$85k Support, etc. = \$20k</p> <p><b>Capital:</b> Equipment = \$50k Implementation = \$150k</p>
5	<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. Although processes and policies have evolved to service the public needs, the volume and impact on our operations remains steady due to the mandated requirements (approximately 50% of 3 FTE's).</p>	\$50k	\$100k

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6	Flight Operations Reallocation	<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, relocation plans have been explored and the initial assessment is that the Villeneuve, Edmonton International (YEG) and CFB Edmonton airports are not compatible due to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YEG, weather (helicopter related)</li> <li>• Villeneuve, extended flight time for the helicopter causing more fuel consumption, less operational flight time and no temporary refuelling site</li> <li>• CFB, jurisdiction.</li> </ul> <p>The next step is to create a business case that will determine other possible alternatives in the City of Edmonton or Villeneuve which may include the replacement of an ageing aircraft and bigger helicopters.</p>	\$0	To Be Determined
7	Bylaw Business Licenses	<p>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 on-going 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). To date the EPS has completed 49 public safety, 14 Vice and 3 second hand consults.</p>	\$20k	<p>Legal Costs for Community Standard and License Appeal Committee (CSLAC) and/or Queen's Bench Hearings (unknown)</p> <p>FTE to manage the process Estimate (\$120k)</p>

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8	Metal Act – Copper (Bill 205)	<p>Bill 205 (Scrap Metal Dealers and Recyclers Act) is under review and a reading in the spring occurred. It will not be revisited until the fall. However, 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
9	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>	\$0	<p>Re-program Testers (\$1k)          Training (\$4-13k)          Towing (To Be Determined)</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	A full EPS assessment of this legislation will be reported separately to the EPC.	\$0	To Be Determined
2	Noise Bylaw	This bylaw originated in 2009 and was directed at vehicles that created excessive noise (i.e. motorcycles). The initial impacts were related to training personnel and purchase of testing equipment. There are no associated impacts on this topic since January 2012 due to the changes in legislation on Distracted Driving and .05/.08 legislation has been the focus of new enforcement activities.	\$6k	\$1k for repair, maintenance of testing equipment
3	Alberta Witness Protection Act	The Alberta Witness Security Act came online 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.  The financial costs for the EPS may vary significantly between cases.	\$6.5k	\$30k to \$240k
4	Impact of Alberta Health Services	The review of the Alberta Health Service deployment model/methods suggests that the spike in number of 'Assist EMS' calls could be due to the inexperience and resultant hyper-vigilance of some dispatchers and crew members. This could be due to gaps in training or experience and opens new avenues for EPS to work more closely with EMS on education and awareness as to the nature of EPS business to aid EMS in driving down the yearly number of staged calls made to EPS (approximately 10 Constables).	\$529k (estimated increase since 2010)	\$1,058k (estimated increase since 2010)

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5	Bill C-36 Protecting Canada's Seniors	Bill C-36 would add, as an aggravating factor, to sentencing that the offence committed had a significant impact on the victim considering their age. The criminal code would be amended by adding "evidence that the offence had a significant impact on the victim, considering their age and other personal circumstances, including their health and financial situation". No new offence would be created by this amendment. Financial costs are unknown, however are expected to be minimal.	unknown	unknown
6	Pawn Shop	The pawn shop and second hand store reporting system was implemented in 2005. The project proposals intent was to have the transaction fees collected by the business owners and paid directly to the contractor with no costs to the EPS. However, resistance from the pawn shop owners and bylaw changes regarding the fees was not implemented by the City of Edmonton. As a result, the EPS has been responsible for paying the transaction fees averaging \$7,500 per month.	\$35k	\$90k
7	Provincial Recruitment Strategies	The Edmonton Police Service is 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.	\$25k EPS	\$50k EPS