



EDMONTON POLICE SERVICE

REPORT TO THE EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION

DATE: January 22, 2015

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

RECOMMENDATION(S):

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

INTRODUCTION:

Since 2010 the Edmonton Police Service has provided a semi-annual report on financial impacts resulting from decisions made by external organizations, such as, provincial or federal direction or legislation. The last report was provided to the Commission in July of 2014. This report will provide an update on those issues and details of new financial impacts on the EPS for 2015.

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 from the July 2014 report.
- Attachment II is an update on new issues since the July 2014 report.

CONCLUSION:

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

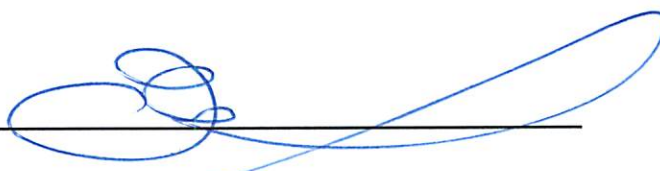
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED:

- Attachment I Previously Reported Items
- Attachment II New Items

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**ATTACHMENT I
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ITEMS**

No	Issue	Description including updates	2014 Costs To Date (\$'000s)	Potential Annual Costs (\$'000s)
	Bill 15 Emergency 911 Act	<p>The Provincial Government has established the grant application process and identified the eligible expenditures that are attributable to enhancing 911 call answering services. EPS has submitted the application and as of writing, has received the first quarterly payment with the second expected in the near future.</p> <p>The EPS will be using the 2014 funds for additional 911 operators (salary and benefits), Information Technology hardware and network upgrades to fulfill 'Next Generation 911' standards, mandatory replacement of the current end-of-life 911 Computer Software, and consulting expenses related to the 911 projects. The 2015 funds will be used to complete some of these projects and additionally, the EPS is currently working on plans to renovate both the current primary site and the backup site.</p>	\$1.1 Million	\$2.6 Million
	City of Edmonton Annexation	<p>The City of Edmonton (COE) has undertaken discussions to annex 15,000 hectares to the south of Edmonton which will extend the City limits to take in the International airport and lands east of Devon and West of Beaumont. The EPS has formed an annexation planning committee that will be developing a policing plan for the fall and is aligned with the COE Growth committee who is managing the annexation process.</p> <p>The financial impact of the annexation proposal is not known and no specific costs are anticipated over the next five years.</p>	NIL	TBD

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	<p>Bill C 13 Protecting Canadians from Online Crime Act</p>	<p>Bill C-13 relates to providing police authorities with mechanisms to obtain electronic information via judicial authorization or preserving data for a set period of time while police seek judicial authorization for the data. It also creates an offence for unlawful distribution of intimate images. This Bill will give the EPS tools to better gather evidence for matters we are already investigating. Unfortunately, the Bill is receiving significant opposition due to privacy concerns and is not moving quickly.</p> <p>Bill C-13 has still not passed and remains uncertain if and when it will.</p>	<p align="center">NIL</p>	<p align="center">TBD</p>
	<p>Bill C 31 Economic Action Plan</p>	<p>The Bill will permit the disclosure of taxpayer information to a police organization where there are reasonable grounds that the information would be relevant to the investigation of a serious offence, including money laundering. This may require more Information Technology and Human Resources in terms of applying for information and then using it within investigations.</p> <p>Upon further review, the bill will place a significant financial burden on those who conduct financial transactions. It will have no financial impact on the EPS.</p>	<p align="center">NIL</p>	<p align="center">NIL</p>
	<p>Bill C 32 Victims Bill of Rights</p>	<p>The bill is still in the reading phase before Parliament and is expected to become law in early 2016 with one more reading and amendments.</p> <p>This will have little or no financial impact as the EPS is already doing much of the work that will be required as part of the act. Each division has a coordinator and workload may increase but to a manageable level.</p>	<p align="center">NIL</p>	<p align="center">NIL</p>

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	<p>Police Information Check Livescan Terminals</p>	<p>A proposal made by the RCMP that will require a police information check applicant to be fingerprinted prior to receiving a criminal record check. The RCMP has advised that the implementation timeline is still planned for late 2016 or early 2017 to have more consultation with stakeholders.</p> <p>Following is a general estimate of costs involved in fingerprinting 70,000 applicants a year.</p> <p>\$185k - 8 additional Livescan fingerprinting terminals</p> <p>\$300k - 6 additional Clerical and 1 Supervisor to manage the workload</p> <p>\$36 - Annual maintenance licensing agreements</p> <p>A second Police Information Check location could be required on the south side to handle the increase in volume. This estimate does not include infrastructure and staffing costs associated with operating a second facility.</p>	<p>NIL</p>	<p>\$185k One-time cost</p> <p>\$336k Annual maintenance</p>
	<p>Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC)</p>	<p>In 2013 the EPS was notified by the National Police Services that CPIC would change how they audit from a paper based on-site process occurring every two to three years to an on-going automated audit process. On May 26, 2014 the EPS CPIC Warrant Unit was asked to participate in a Pilot Project to test the new process.</p> <p>The Pilot Project requires a fulltime CPIC Operator for six months to oversee the project to examine the way we do business and to assure our processes are aligned for ongoing compliance. Upon completion of the project we anticipate a part time CPIC Operator (0.50 FTE) to oversee the Quality Assurance Program and to ensure ongoing CPIC compliance. The pilot is planned to start in the first quarter of 2015.</p>	<p>NIL</p>	<p>\$34k</p>

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<p>Sharing of Information Between Third Party and Law Enforcement</p>	<p>The Supreme Court of Canada rendered its decision in Regina, the Queen versus Spencer which dramatically changes the law with respect to the sharing of (private) information between third parties and law enforcement.</p> <p>Previously, police could make a law enforcement request of an internet service provider seeking subscriber information for an identified internet protocol (IP) address, caller name and address and Service Provider Identification that was involved in a police investigation.</p> <p>Now, this decision means that police must obtain the same information via a production order or search warrant, which regularly takes many hours to days to obtain. Also, telecommunication providers have interpreted this so they can no longer respond to law enforcement requests for similar phone subscriber information without a warrant or production order.</p> <p>This has impacted EPS day to day business with only a small number of requests being made by way of a production order. There are several reasons that contribute to the lost opportunity to proceed with an investigation such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasonable grounds are required to obtain a production order, which is a legal threshold that is difficult to obtain for investigations that are in their infancy. • Information previously obtained without warrant was used to eventually add to the grounds to obtain a future search warrant, or other judicial authorization. • To get a production order we need Service Provider Identification. Telecom providers now will not even tell us which company services the phone number of interest. 	<p align="center">Minimal</p>	<p align="center">Lost Opportunity for arrests and/or progressing an investigation</p>
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	<p>Downtown Arena and Entertainment District</p>	<p>The Downtown Arena & Entertainment District is a multi-faceted initiative with a number of related facts, issues and decisions pertinent to the long term revitalization of Edmonton's downtown. Construction is underway on Rogers Place and it is planned to be complete in the fall of 2016.</p> <p>The district is expected to impact policing in the downtown as more people congregate in a specific area to attend events (sport, concert, other) and they will arrive earlier and stay later to attend other establishments. The district will also see an increase to the living and working population that will positively impact violent crime but increase minor crime due to population alone.</p> <p>The 2015 proposed budget had an unfunded request for 40 positions effective October 1, 2015. This will allow the EPS time for recruiting and training of members so they are available when the areas are open to the public. The 40 positions have not been approved by Council.</p>	<p>TBD</p>	<p>\$5.7 million</p>
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**ATTACHMENT II
NEW ITEMS**

No	Issue	Description	2014 Costs To Date (\$'000s)	Potential Annual Costs (\$'000s)
1	Scrap Metals Dealers and Recyclers Identification Act (Bill 201)	<p>This Act was passed in April 2014, but the Regulations accompanying the Act are not yet available. Further, Alberta's Privacy Commissioner is on record as having concerns and questions about certain elements of the Act.</p> <p>There are no costs in 2014, and it is not seen as having any direct costs for EPS going forward.</p>	NIL	NIL