



EDMONTON POLICE SERVICE



REPORT TO THE EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION

DATE: 2011-Jan-13

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. A number of issues were identified during the first six months of the year and a report was provided to the Commission in July. This report will present an update on those issues and details of new financial impacts on the EPS for the second six months of 2010.

COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:

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

A number of issues were identified in the first six months of 2010 and EPS has continued to work on these. An update is provided in Attachment I.

In the second six months of 2010, a number of further issues have been identified. The costs in 2010 are not significant but there is uncertainty about the consequences in 2011 and beyond. These issues are described in Attachment II.

CONCLUSION:

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


ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED:

Attachment I Schedule of issues with financial impacts on the Edmonton Police Service – Previously Reported Items

Attachment II Schedule of issues with financial impacts on the Edmonton Police Service – New Items

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FINANCIAL IMPACTS ON THE EDMONTON POLICE SERVICE – PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ITEMS

No	Issue	Description including updates	Costs To Date (\$'000s)	Potential Annual Costs (\$'000s)
1	Conducted Energy Weapon Testing	<p>Legislation was introduced requiring periodic testing of all Conducted Energy Weapon devices. This legislation was in response to the Braidwood Commission report in 2009.</p> <p>This item is included within the 2011 budget</p>	45	45
2	Reduced hours of operation at the Remand Centre	From April 1 2010, the operating hours of the Edmonton Remand Centre were reduced. EPS has continued to work closely with the Remand Centre to manage the situation and avoid additional costs.	0	0
3	New Remand Centre	The new Edmonton Remand Centre in the north end is scheduled to open in 2012. This will have an impact on staffing and vehicle costs. A further assessment will be made during 2011 or early in 2012.	0	To be determined
4	Revised retention period for CCTV records	The retention period for these records has been increased to one year with a compliance date of Dec 31, 2013. The capital cost resulting from this change will be between \$1m and \$1.5m and will occur in the next capital budgeting timeframe (2012-14). A business case is being prepared. Discussions are ongoing with the Province concerning the financial implications of this change for all police agencies.	0	200 Starting in 2012-13

FINANCIAL IMPACTS ON THE EDMONTON POLICE SERVICE – NEW ITEMS

No	Issue	Description	Costs To Date (\$'000s)	Potential Annual Costs (\$'000s)
1	Police Act	There is a requirement within the Act to use more Alternative Dispute Resolution (which could include mediation). This will lead to new costs for formal mediation but should also lead to efficiencies by reducing the staff time required within Professional Standards Branch to conduct full investigations.	1	20
2	TALON – The Alberta Law Officers Network	TALON is the name of the information system which has resulted from the Alberta Police Integrated Information Initiative (API3). This 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. To date EPS has provided subject matter experts for workshops to confirm business requirements and define future business processes (over 100 days estimated input in 2010). It is expected that capital costs of approximately \$1.5 million will be incurred by EPS over the period 2011-13. EPS will also need to continue to provide resources to the project prior to implementation. The ongoing costs following implementation (planned for 2013) are currently unknown.	Est 75	unknown
3	RCMP - Cancellation of secondment.	The RCMP cancelled the extension of the secondment of a detective related to the Drug Recognition Program.	0	123
4	ALERT	ALERT is planning to run at a vacancy rate of 20% in 2011 and 25% in 2012. At this point the actual impact of this is unknown and may change dependant upon the Provincial budget deliberations.	0	unknown