



EDMONTON POLICE SERVICE

REPORT TO THE EDMONTON POLICE COMMISSION

DATE: July 9, 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 January 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 January 2014 report.
- Attachment II is an update on new issues since the January 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

Issue	Description including updates	2015 Costs To Date (\$'000s)	Potential Annual Costs (\$'000s)
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 anticipated financial impact of the annexation is 60 positions and will be requested as part of the 2016-18 three year operating budget. It is expected that 30-35 positions will be federally funded for the policing of the International Airport and 25-30 will be municipally funded for policing services exclusive to the airport.</p>	NIL	\$9 – 10 Million
Bill C 13 Protecting Canadians from Online Crime Act	<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. 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. Bill C-13 has passed in March 2015.</p> <p>Although the bill has passed there have been inconsistent interpretations specifically with the confusion around Production Orders (similar to a search warrant). This has resulted in police officers, Crown Prosecutors, Judges and third party organizations to disagree on the specific details, which has resulted in rejected Production Orders. Causing the orders to be reworked and creating additional work for the areas of EPS that guide and advise members about these matters.</p> <p>At this time, the increase in complexity of the Production Orders has minimal impact on finances and resources. However, in the future, the Warrant and Privacy area may require an additional resource to support members throughout the EPS.</p>	\$2k for overtime	<p>\$6k for overtime</p> <p>Plus lost time for officers rewriting Production Orders</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 implementation of this proposal has been delayed twice and it is currently not known if this change will occur as initially indicated (late 2016 or early 2017). However, planning for an anticipated implementation is proceeding to ensure that if implemented EPS will be in compliance.</p> <p>To date, \$172k has been allocated towards the purchase and operation of four additional digital fingerprinting terminals to ensure that an adequate level of customer service is maintained. At this time, these are the only costs that will be associated with the implementation of this policy change.</p> <p>Depending upon the impact of customer volumes, a request for additional resources and a second location can be postponed. Though not immediately required, it is important to recognize that there is a strong likelihood that an undetermined amount of funding for these purposes could be required at some point in the future.</p>	<p>NIL</p>	<p>\$152k One-time cost</p> <p>\$20k Annual software and licensing</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 moving from a paper based on-site process occurring every two to three years to an on-going automated audit process. On 26th of May 2014, the EPS CPIC Warrant Unit was asked to participate in a Pilot Project to test the new audit process which began early 2015.</p> <p>The EPS received the quality assurance report from the RCMP on May 1, 2015 and are currently reviewing the results. An interim report will be completed for the Chief in September and a final report in December to discuss the results of the pilot.</p>	<p>\$3k</p>	<p>\$40k</p>

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ATTACHMENT II NEW ITEMS

Issue	Description	2015 Costs To Date (\$'000s)	Potential Annual Costs (\$'000s)
Bill C 36 Vice	<p>Bill C-36 is representative of the significant shift that has occurred over the last few years in how Canadian governments view prostitution and specifically targeting the purchase of sexual services. The selling of sexual service is moving off the streets and into businesses such as massage parlours and online sites.</p> <p>The Bill, and the EPS's enforcement of it, has just begun and to date a case has not been fully prosecuted. Nevertheless, it is foreseeable in the near future that Vice will have to change its operations to reflect the more complex business of selling sexual services. Interprovincial and interagency corporations are more frequently required as are tools such as wiretaps, especially in human trafficking investigations.</p> <p>At this time, the increase in complexity of these investigations is expected, however the impact on finances and human resources is minimal.</p>	\$8k	\$10k

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<p>Form 5.2 Report to a Justice for All Seized Items</p>	<p>The Criminal Code (Section 489.1) requires that a Form 5.2 (Report to a Justice) be completed whenever an item is seized, not just pursuant to a warrant. This represents a significant change in process for the membership and increased workload is anticipated.</p> <p>Exhibit Management Branch expects upwards of 30,000 forms to flow through their area annually and has hired a Form 5.2 Coordinator to support the workload. In instances where charges have not been laid, and property is required beyond three months to support an investigation and consent of the owner to retain the property has not been obtained, the Coordinator will attend an application for extension hearing. The costs identified relate to the Coordinator position.</p> <p>There are potential financial impacts on other areas of the EPS such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal Advisors Section to attend an application for extension hearing for those who oppose. • Document Service Section to assist with service of application for extension hearing documents. 	<p align="center">\$46k</p>	<p align="center">\$91k</p>
<p>eCollision</p>	<p>Collision reporting is mandated by the provincial government for police agencies and the eCollision project is a joint partnership between the Edmonton Police Service and Alberta Transportation which includes the eCollision mobile application, interface, and operational support plan. The mobile application and interface are expected to result in a more efficient collision reporting process by reducing collision reporting investigation time for frontline officers and by reducing the administrative time spent on the manual entry of reports. The operational support plan will be in place to support frontline users of eCollision in their day to day use of the application.</p> <p>The project is fully underway and is planned to be operational in the fourth quarter of 2015.</p>	<p align="center">\$79k One-time cost</p>	<p align="center">\$145k One-time cost \$7k annual maintenance costs</p>

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<p>Rework/ Task Activity Log Disclosure</p>	<p>Defence counsel disclosure requests for task activity log and rework information for occurrence reports. This is required as part of the disclosure requirement in criminal matters. A significant increase in such requests is occurring and a technological fix is required to make the disclosure process more efficient and effective.</p> <p>The project will result in an annual operating efficiency of \$80k moving from a manual process to an automated electronic process.</p>	<p align="center">\$41k</p>	<p align="center">\$41k One-time cost</p> <p align="center">\$7k Annual maintenance</p>
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