



The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

Chief Administrative Officer

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Margaret Misek-Evans, Chief Administrative Officer

Date to Council: January 12, 2021

Report Number: CAO-2021-01

Subject: OPP Policing Contract

Recommendations

It is recommended:

That Report CAO-2021-01, OPP Policing Contract, **be received**.

And that Administration **be authorized** to finalize an agreement with the Ontario Provincial Police, satisfactory in form and content to the Town's legal counsel, for the period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023 based on a continuation of the current level of police services.

And further that a by-law be prepared **to authorize** the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to sign the agreement between her Majesty the Queen in the Right of Ontario, represented by the Solicitor General and the Town of Tecumseh, subject to approval of the 2021 Operating Budget allocation for policing services.

Background

The Town of Tecumseh has been policed by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) since 1945, making it the most historic policing arrangement with the OPP in the province. The Town operates as a Section 10 police service under the current Police Services Act. Police Service governance is provided through the Tecumseh Police Services Board.

The most recent contract for policing was a 6-year agreement spanning 2015 to 2020, inclusive. This contract expired at the end of December, 2020. New legislation in the form of the Community Safety & Policing Act 2019 has been passed by the Ontario Legislature, but not yet proclaimed. Under the new legislation, policing contracts will no longer be required.

As the Community Safety & Policing Act 2019 has not been proclaimed, the Police Services Act 1990 (as amended) continues to apply. Accordingly, a contract for services with the OPP as a Section 10 service is required. In the Fall of 2020, a draft agreement was received from the OPP Municipal Policing Bureau for consideration by Council.

Administration has reviewed the draft policing agreement and provided a verbal update to the Tecumseh Police Service Board (PSB) at their regular meeting of December 10, 2020. The CAO noted that the draft agreement is largely the same agreement as the one that just ended, but does include a new clause requiring one-year notice for the cancellation of any enhancements. Chair Christopher Hales confirmed that the draft agreement does not include any enhancements.

Comments

The draft agreement with the Solicitor General for policing services is attached to this report for Council's consideration. Reviewed against the agreement that ended on December 31, 2020, Administration reports that:

- The draft agreement is virtually the same as the agreement that just ended;
- Under "Service Levels", a new clause has been added that provides for 1-year prior written notice, with costs, for cancelling an enhancement. As previously indicated, the Town does not have an enhancement for services with the OPP, nor is one proposed.

Additionally, a term for the agreement must be determined. Administration proposes a 3-year agreement in anticipation that three years should be sufficient for the new Community Safety & Policing Act to come into force.

On this same agenda is Report CS-2021-01 OPP Building Lease Agreement, which formalizes the accommodation of the OPP Police Service in the Town's building adjacent to Town Hall. This agreement also provides for a 3-year term. Once there is greater certainty with respect to policing arrangements under the new legislation, both agreements can be revisited, as required.

Consultations

Corporate Services & Clerk
Financial Services
OPP Municipal Policing Bureau

Financial Implications

The OPP Annual Billing Letter was received in September, 2020 with the 2021 OPP Annual Billing Statement package indicating the 2019 cost reconciliation and estimated 2021 costs. The final cost adjustment calculated as a result of the 2019 annual reconciliation has been included as an adjustment to the amount being billed to the Town for the 2021 calendar year.

Accordingly, the 2019 year-end adjustment was \$33,961. The total 2021 estimated cost for policing is \$3,449,641. The combined total for 2021 is \$3,483,602, which is included in the

draft 2021 operating budget for Council's consideration. As previously stated, no enhancements to the policing service are included. The cost estimate and draft agreement reflect a continuation of the current OPP service level for the Town.

Link to Strategic Priorities

Applicable	2019-22 Strategic Priorities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Make the Town of Tecumseh an even better place to live, work and invest through a shared vision for our residents and newcomers.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ensure that Tecumseh's current and future growth is built upon the principles of sustainability and strategic decision-making.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Integrate the principles of health and wellness into all of Tecumseh's plans and priorities.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steward the Town's "continuous improvement" approach to municipal service delivery to residents and businesses.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Demonstrate the Town's leadership role in the community by promoting good governance and community engagement, by bringing together organizations serving the Town and the region to pursue common goals.

Communications

Not applicable ☒

Website ☐ Social Media ☐ News Release ☐ Local Newspaper ☐

This report has been reviewed by Senior Administration as indicated below and recommended for submission by the Chief Administrative Officer.

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Recommended by:

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Attachment Number	Attachment Name
1	Draft Agreement for the Provision of Police Services Under Section 10 of the Police Services Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.15, as amended.