



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: October 10, 2023

Report Number: CAO-2023-07

Subject: Amending Agreement to OPP Contract

Recommendations

It is recommended:

That Report CAO-2023-07, Amending Agreement to OPP Contract, **be received**.

And that Administration **be authorized** to finalize an extension to the existing agreement with the Ontario Provincial Police, satisfactory to the Town Solicitor, for the purpose of extending the agreement for a two-year period ending December 31, 2025.

And further that By-law 2023-104 being a by-law **to authorize** the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to sign the agreement between his Majesty the King in the Right of Ontario, represented by the Solicitor General and the Town of Tecumseh be given first, second and third and final reading.

Background

The Town's most recent contract renewal with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) for the purpose of providing policing services occurred in January 2021 ([Report CAO-2021-01](#), OPP Policing Contract). This contract is due to expire at the end of 2023. It had been anticipated that the *Community Safety & Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA) would have been in effect by the time this agreement expired, however, it has not yet been proclaimed. Under this new legislation, policing contracts will no longer be required. An extension of

the current agreement is needed for policing services under Section 10 of the current *Police Services Act, 1990* (as amended) to be maintained.

As indicated in Attachment 1, the Town was recently notified that the two-board detachment proposal for the Essex County Detachment was approved. However, the regulations for new detachment boards have not yet been published. It is our understanding that the detachment board regulation is forthcoming this fall for comment prior to approval. Several operational regulations have been made available for comments and the Tecumseh Police Service Board has reviewed those that are relevant to governance.

Comments

The draft amending agreement with the Solicitor General for policing services is attached to By-law 2023-104 for Council's consideration. The original agreement of 2021-2023 is provided in Attachment 2.

The agreement will remain the same as the 2021 version, except that the end date will now be December 31, 2025. The agreement will cease to apply once the CSPA comes into effect.

The Tecumseh Police Services Board considered the request for extension to the OPP agreement at their meeting of October 2, 2023, and adopted the following resolution (PSB 30/2023):

Whereas the current Agreement for the Provision of Police Services Under Section 10 of the Police Services Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.15 (PSA) between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as Represented by the Solicitor General (Ontario) and the Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh will conclude on the earlier of (i) December 31, 2023, or (ii) the date that the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA) comes into force;

And whereas the CSPA has not yet come into force;

And whereas under s. 4(1) of the PSA the Municipality is required to provide adequate and effective police services in accordance with its needs;

And whereas the date that the CSPA will come into force is as yet unknown;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Police Services Board **recommend** to Tecumseh Town Council to enter into an Amending Agreement with Ontario to extend the duration of the current policing contract to conclude on the 31st day of December 2025 (i.e., two years).

On this same agenda is Report LCS-2023-29, OPP Building Agreement: License Extension, which extends the agreement of 2021 for the OPP's accommodation in the Town's building adjacent to Town Hall.

Consultations

Legislative Services & Clerk
Ontario Provincial Police

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with the extension of the current agreement with the OPP. The current billing model remains in effect and will continue to do so for a three-year period after the new legislation comes into effect.

The OPP Annual Billing Letter was received in September, with the 2024 OPP Annual Billing Statement package indicating the 2022 cost reconciliation and estimated 2024 costs. The final cost adjustment calculated as a result of the 2022 annual reconciliation has been included as an adjustment to the amount being billed to the Town for 2024.

Accordingly, the 2022 year-end adjustment was \$4,072. The total 2024 estimated cost for policing is \$3,167,768. The combined total for 2024 is \$3,171,840, which will be included in the draft 2024 operating budget for Council's consideration.

Link to Strategic Priorities

Applicable	2023-2026 Strategic Priorities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sustainable Growth: Achieve prosperity and a livable community through sustainable growth.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community Health and Inclusion: Integrate community health and inclusion into our places and spaces and everything we do.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Service Experience: Enhance the experience of Team Tecumseh and our citizens through responsive and respectful service.

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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Chief Administrative Officer

Attachment Number	Attachment Name
1	September 13, 2023 correspondence from Solicitor General
2	OPP Contract – 2021-2023