

Report to Council

Report Title: O.P.P. Contract Update

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Department: Administration

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Attachments: OPP Letter Billing Statement,
Solicitor General Letter Billing Statement,
Court Security Costs Letter,
Court Security Costs Review Summary,
Court Security Costs Report

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CAO2022-08 - O.P.P. Contract Update, prepared by Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) and Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer for information purposes and in doing so authorizes staff to proceed to bring forward an amendment to the existing OPP Contract until such time the Community Safety and Policing Act regulations are completed.

Report:

Background:

The Municipality of Brockton Council had requested a review of the Annual Billing Statement as a result of a dispute related to the portion of the fail to appear charges allocated to Brockton on the annual billing statement.

Meetings with Ontario Provincial Police representatives and communications have been ongoing throughout the summer and fall of 2021.

Most recently Mayor Peabody met with the Solicitor General and the OPP Commissioner, at the ROMA conference to reiterate the Municipalities concerns related to the Fail To Appear Charges and their affects on Brockton's OPP Billing Statement.

Analysis:

As a follow up to the requested review under Section 22 of the OPP Agreement we have received the following letters attached from the Solicitor General and the Ontario Provincial Police. We have provided them for Council's information. As noted in the letter from the Solicitor General the OPP has been asked to review this matter and further work is occurring on the issues identified. Our concerns have been recognized and are under review.

Further to this, I have received information from the Solicitor General in relation to an independent review of court security and prisoner transportation in Ontario. Details of this review are attached for Council's information. It is noted that there will be no changes to the overall funding envelop of the program. I have no further updates related to funding model changes at this time.

Lastly, the current OPP contract is set to expire the 30th day of June, 2022. I have reached out to initiate the renewal process as per Council's direction to seek a 2 ½ year term to end in December, 2024. As Council is aware there are legislative changes underway to transition from the Police Services Act ("PSA") to the Community Safety and Policing Act ("CSPA"). The regulations are not yet completed. This will see Municipalities transition from a Section 10 framework under the PSA to the new OPP detachment framework under the CSPA. As a result of the regulations not being released the Municipal Policing Bureau has indicated they have been extending Municipal Section 10 contracts by way of an amending agreement for ease of simplicity until the CSPA regulations are released. Once the CSPA comes into effect the amended agreement or if a new contract was entered it would become null and void.

Staff recommend extending the current agreement to December, 2022 pending the outcome of the new regulations under the CSPA.

Strategic Action Plan Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Strategic Action Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

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| • Recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Heritage, Culture, and Community | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Quality of Life | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Land Use Planning and the Natural Environment | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Development | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Municipal Governance | Yes |

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective?
N/A

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk)

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Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer