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Committee of the Whole
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TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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SUBMITTED BY: _____
Councillor Russell Walker, Chair, Board of Police Commissioners

DATE: February 23, 2016

SUBJECT: 2016/17 Halifax Regional Police Budget and Business Plan

ORIGIN

- January 18, 2016 meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners, Item No. 9.1.6
- February 3, 2016 Committee of the Whole Presentation, Item No.3
- February 22, 2016 meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners, Item No. 9.1.6

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Board of Police Commissioners Terms of Reference, By-Law P-100 Respecting the Board of Police Commissioners for the Halifax Regional Municipality, section 8, (2)(e) which states: The Board in accordance with the Police Act and HRM Bylaws may carry out any of the following roles and responsibilities: prepare and submit in consultation with the Chief of Police and the Chief Administrative Officer or delegate, to Council an annual budget for the municipal police service. The municipal council shall only exercise global budget approval and shall only accept the police service budget submitted to it by the board or refer back to the board with instructions that it be altered upward or downward by a specific dollar amount or percentage

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Board of Police Commissioners that Halifax Regional Council approve the Halifax Regional Police 2016/17 Operating Budget and Business Plan of \$76,964,700.00.

BACKGROUND

On January 18, 2016 the Board of Police Commissioners approved the proposed 2016/17 Halifax Regional Police Operational Budget Situation (Summary).

On February 3, 2016 the proposed 2016-17 HRP Budget and Business Plan was presented by the Chief of Police and the Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners to Council at a Committee of the Whole session.

On February 22, 2016 the Chief of Police and HRP staff provided a presentation and a revised version of the proposed 2016/2017 Halifax Regional Police Budget and Business Plan to the Board of Police Commissioners for approval and recommendation to Halifax Regional Council.

DISCUSSION

The Chief of Police and HRP staff presented the Board of Police Commissioners with a revised version of the proposed 2016/17 Halifax Regional Police Budget and Business Plan. The revised budget reflects a net budget increase of \$376, 900.00 from the budget situation (summary) which was approved by the Board on January 18, 2016. The Chief of Police and HRP staff provided an overview of the following changes to the Board at its meeting held on February 22, 2016:

- Increased Provincial DNA operating costs to reflect a transfer of the original budget from HRM Fiscal Services to HRP's operating budget. (Increase of \$397,400).
- An Increase in licensing/network related costs as a result of the new Trunk Mobile Radio 2 (TMR2) service." (Increase of \$127,500).
- A one-time contribution from reserve to offset Provincial DNA operating costs for HRM, and close out reserve Q316 DNA reserve. (decrease of \$224,000)
- The Removal of Cost Savings as a result of transitioning to new Trunk Mobile Radio 2 (TMR2) service as costs will actually increase. (Increase of \$76,000)

The Board of Police Commissioners reviewed this matter at its meeting held on February 22, 2016 and forwarded the recommendation to Halifax Regional Council as outlined in this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Financial Implications are outlined in the Proposed 2016/17 Halifax Regional Police Budget and Business Plan.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

All meetings of the Board of Police Commissioners are open to the public. The agenda and reports are posted online in advance of the meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

None

ALTERNATIVES

The Board of Police Commissioners did not discuss alternatives.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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