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Item No. 4
Budget Committee
February 25, 2020

TO: Councillor Walker and Members of Budget Committee
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SUBMITTED BY: _____
Commissioner Natalie Borden, Chair, Board of Police Commissioners

DATE: February 19, 2020

SUBJECT: 2020/2021 Halifax Regional Police Budget and Business Plan

ORIGIN

February 19, 2020 motion of the Board of Police Commissioners:

That the Board of Police Commissioners:

1. Approve the revised Halifax Regional Police 2020/2021 operating budget in the amount of \$89,776,000.
2. Direct that the approved revised Halifax Regional Police 2020/2021 operating budget be forwarded to the Budget Committee.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Halifax Charter, section 35 (1) The Chief Administrative Officer shall (b) ensure that an annual budget is prepared and submitted to the Council.

Nova Scotia Police Act, section 53(1): "The Board shall annually cause the chief to prepare a budget for the police department."

RECOMMENDATION

That the Budget Committee direct staff to prepare the updated Halifax Regional Police 2020/21 Budget and Business Plan, as approved by the Board of Police Commissioners on February 19, 2020.

BACKGROUND

On January 9, 2020 the Board of Police Commissioners approved the proposed 2020/2021 Halifax Regional Police Operational Budget Situation (Summary) in the amount of \$90,287,800.

On February 5, 2020 the proposed 2020/2021 HRP Budget and Business Plan was presented by the Chief of Police and the Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners to the Budget Committee. The Budget Committee subsequently approved an operating under budget option for the Halifax Regional Police in the amount of \$157,500 during consideration of the Budget Adjustment List on February 12, 2020.

On February 19, 2020 the Chief of Police and HRP staff provided a version of the proposed 2020/2021 Halifax Regional Police Budget and Business Plan to the Board of Police Commissioners for approval and recommendation to Budget Committee.

DISCUSSION

The Chief of Police and HRP staff presented the Board of Police Commissioners with a revised version of the proposed 2020/2021 Halifax Regional Police Budget and Business Plan. Chief Kinsella advised that additional \$157,500 will be directed toward supervisor staffing within the Criminal investigation Division, the Prisoner Care Facility and Professional Standards branch.

The Board of Police Commissioners reviewed this matter at its meeting held on February 19, 2020 and passed a motion approving the revised Halifax Regional Police 2020/2021 Operating Budget and forwarding it to Budget Committee for its consideration.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The recommendations in this report will lead to the development of a proposed 2020/21 Budget. There are no immediate financial implications from this recommendation. The broader financial implications will be discussed and debated as the budget is developed in more detail.

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

1. Board of Police Commissioners report dated February 18, 2020.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.php> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210, or Fax 902.490.4208.

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Item No. 4

**Board of Police Commission Special Meeting
February 19, 2020**

TO: Chair and Commissioners of the Board of Police Commission

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SUBMITTED BY:

Chief Daniel J. Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police

DATE: February 18, 2020

SUBJECT: Revised 2020/21 Halifax Regional Police Budget

ORIGIN

As per Administrative Order 1 and the Budget and Business Plan consultation schedule presented to Regional Council on June 4, 2019, staff presented the draft 2020/21 Business Unit Budget and Business Plans to the HRM Budget Committee for review and discussion prior to consideration by Regional Council.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Halifax Charter, section 35 (1) The Chief Administrative Officer shall (b) ensure that an annual budget is prepared and submitted to the Council.

Nova Scotia Police Act, section 53(1): "The Board shall annually cause the chief to prepare a budget for the police department."

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Police Commissioners approve the 2020-2021 Halifax Regional Police operating budget in the amount of \$89,776,000.

BACKGROUND

As part of the design of the 2020/21 Budget and Business Plan development process, the Budget Committee reviewed each business unit's budget and proposed plans, in advance of completing detailed HRM Budget and Business Plan preparation.

At the October 29, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting, Regional Council considered the 2020/21 Strategic Priorities Plan and at the November 12, 2019 session of Regional Council, confirmed and directed the CAO to proceed to prepare the 2020/21 Budget and Business Plan in support of Council's Priority

Outcomes, consistent with the Outcome Plans as presented in Attachment C of the 2017-2021 Multi-year Priority Outcome Update.

With respect to the Halifax Regional Police budget, the Board of Police Commissioners held meetings on December 16, 2019, and January 9, 2020 to review the proposed 2020/21 HRP Operating Budget as submitted by the Chief of Police. The budget reflected a proposed net budget of \$90,287,800. Following a review of the draft, the Board passed a motion to approve the HRP Operating budget as presented at the January 9, 2020 Board of Police commissioners Meeting.

The Budget and Business Plan were presented at the February 5, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting and the motion to add 8 new positions as an operating over budget to the parking lot for consideration, was defeated by the Budget Committee. An operating under budget of \$157,500 was recommended to the parking lot for consideration instead and approved by council on February 12, 2020.

DISCUSSION

At the February 12, 2020 meeting, the Budget Committee approved the HRP under budget consideration of \$157,500 for a net operating budget of \$89,776,000 for Halifax Regional Police for 2020-2021.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The recommendations in this report will lead to the development of a proposed 2020/21 Budget. There are no immediate financial implications from this recommendation. The broader financial implications will be discussed and debated as the budget is developed in more detail.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

An extensive public engagement was undertaken for the 2020/21 HRM Budget over the month of September. This engagement included nine community pop-up events and on-line survey through the Shape Your City community engagement portal. The results of the Shape Your City Budget engagement were provided in an information report presented to Reginal Council on October 29, 2019.

The 2020/21 budget consultation process also seeks to solicit public comment on community priorities. Members of the public are invited to provide feedback following each business unit budget and business plan presentation. Furthermore, members of the public may use the "Budget Allocator" located on the Shape your City Webpage to offer opinions on spending priorities.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

ALTERNATIVES

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

N/A