



INFORMATION REPORT

TO: The Halifax Board of Police Commissioners
FROM: Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police
DATE: July 19, 2021
SUBJECT: **Halifax Regional Police 2020/21 – 4th Quarter Financial Update**

Background:

Halifax Regional Police's operating budget is approved annually by the Board of Police Commissioners and Halifax Regional Council. For the 2020/21 fiscal year, an operating budget of \$86,275,100 was approved for the Halifax Regional Police.

At the end of the 4th quarter (March 31, 2021) of the 2020/21 fiscal year, Halifax Regional Police reported \$84,082,900 in net operating expenditures, resulting in a net operating budget surplus of \$2,192,200.

The following details are provided to identify revenues/recoveries and expense areas that contribute to the overall surplus of \$2,192,200.

(Note that the forecasted items below that are highlighted in blue are believed to be a result of the impacts of the COVID 19 pandemic)

1. Revenue/Cost Recovery

Decrease in Criminal Record Checks through customer service counters,	(111,900)
Decrease in Extra Duty assignment;	(194,900)
Decrease in net secondments to other policing agencies/government;	(14,700)
Decrease in Summary Offence Ticket Fee Revenue;	(27,800)
Increase in Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) recovery;	595,000
Increase in Provincial 911 Call Transfer recovery;	137,500
Increase in Criminal Record Checks through Back Check online portal;	197,700
Increase in grant funding for Internet Child Exploitation (ICE) unit identified in February 2021, with offsetting expenses incorporated below;	197,600
Increase in investigative cost recovery;	94,600
Increase due to adjustments in miscellaneous revenue/recovery situations;	26,900
Total increase in Revenue/Recovery	900,000

2. Compensation and Benefits

Decrease in Court Time;	592,300
Decrease in Extra Duty assignments; (offset by decrease in recoveries (int. & ext.))	354,200
Increase in attrition, turnover, unpaid leave, pre-retirement, etc.	953,500
Decrease in Workers' Compensation; (rates in the wage model appear to have initially been overstated)	81,100
Decrease in Retirement Incentive;	135,400
Decrease in On the Job injury (OJI) treatment costs;	11,900
Increase in Overtime costs incurred in Integrated Emergency Services, Prisoner Care and Criminal Investigation sections offset by savings in overtime in other operational areas;	(102,900)
Savings due to adjustments in miscellaneous compensation related items;	4,100
Total decrease in Compensation and Benefits	2,029,600

3. Other Operating Areas

Increase in Commissionaires of Nova Scotia contract;	(376,300)
Increase in legal costs	(304,800)
Decrease in the credit for internal Extra Duty assignments;	(217,400)
Increase in equipment & communications for operational requirements	(199,800)
Increase in Cleaning/Sanitary Supplies and PPE;	(74,200)
Increase in Consulting Fees related to new Police Headquarters study;	(45,200)
Increase in Office costs related to technology and equipment;	(68,000)
Decrease in Out of Town Travel and associated policing costs;	260,500
Decrease in Training;	29,200
Decrease in police specific building costs;	13,100
Decrease in supplies;	88,000
Decrease in external services due to miscellaneous adjustments;	18,400
Decrease in meals;	18,900
Decrease in licenses & agreements related to TMR radio airtime contracts;	20,700
Decrease in facilities rental costs predominantly due to facility O&M end of year adjustment savings.	109,400
Increase due to adjustments in miscellaneous non-compensation related items;	(9,900)
Total increase in Other Operating Areas	(737,400)

Summary of key factors driving surplus:

- Items above that are highlighted in blue and are believed to be a result of the impact from the COVID 19 pandemic total \$565,700 in net savings and contributes to 26% of the overall surplus.
- Recoveries from WCB payments of \$595,000 (identified above) in section 1 contribute to 27% of the overall surplus.
- Attrition, turnover, unpaid leave, pre-retirement leave, etc. of \$953,500 (identified above) in section 2 contribute to 43% of the overall surplus.

Board of Police Commissioners budget summary:

The Board of Police Commissioners (BoPC) also requested quarterly updates on the Board of Police Commissioners budget that is factored into the overall Halifax Regional Police financials above, and identified specifically below:

Budget Item	Budget	Spent as of 2021/03/31	Savings/(Deficit)
Membership Dues	2,400	4,373	(1,973)
Conferences/Workshops	0	1,897	(1,897)
Travel – Local	1,000	0	1,000
Travel – Out of Town	8,500	0	8,500
Meals	2,000	0	2,000
Total	13,900	6,270	7,630

For the 2020/21 fiscal year an Operating Budget of \$13,900 was approved for the BoPC.

As of the end of 4th quarter (March 31, 2021) the Board of Police Commissioners reported \$6,270 in net operating expenditures, resulting in a net operating budget surplus of \$7,630.