



## INFORMATION REPORT

TO: The Halifax Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief Dan Kinsella, Halifax Regional Police

DATE: February 24, 2022

SUBJECT: **Halifax Regional Police 2021/22 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2021/22 fiscal year, the Halifax Regional Police was approved an operating budget of \$88,810,800.

At the end of the 3rd quarter (December 31, 2021) of the 2021/22 fiscal year, Halifax Regional Police reported \$64,821,570 (73%) in assigned net operating funds utilized, while forecasting \$87,567,500 of the approved operating budget to be spent by March 31, 2022, resulting in an estimated net operating budget surplus of \$1,243,300.

The following details are provided to identify adjustments in forecasted revenues/recoveries and expense areas that contribute to the current forecast.

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

### **1. Revenue/Cost Recovery**

Increase in Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) recovery;	415,000
Increase in Integrated Emergency Services recoveries from Provincial Call-Taking Transfers;	338,900
Increase in Criminal Record Checks fee revenue through Back Check online portal;	194,800
Increase in external Extra Duty jobs;	150,000
Increase in investigative cost recovery;	67,500
Increase due to adjustments in miscellaneous revenue/recovery situations;	42,800
Decrease in Criminal Record Checks fee revenue through HRP customer service counters;	(109,400)
Decrease in SOT service fee revenue.	(11,000)
<b>Total net increase in Revenue/Recovery</b>	<b>1,088,600</b>

## 2. Compensation and Benefits

Increase in attrition, turnover, unpaid leave, pre-retirement, etc.	3,344,300
Decrease in Court Time;	305,300
Increase in Extra Duty costs;	(229,400)
Increase in Overtime costs incurred in Prisoner Care, Criminal Investigation, Patrol Operation, and Integrated Emergency Services sections.	(3,288,500)
<b>Total decrease in Compensation</b>	<b>131,700</b>

## 3. Other Operating Areas

Decrease in the credit for internal Extra Duty assignments;	(87,400)
Increase in legal costs;	(69,600)
Increase in uniform and patrol supplies for operational requirements, offset by a decrease in specialized unit equipment & communications operational requirements;	(43,700)
Increase in costs associated with recruiting a Chief Information Security Officer for Halifax Regional Police;	(36,000)
Increase in police specific building costs;	(17,000)
Decrease in Out of Town Travel and associated policing costs;	179,900
Decrease in facilities rental costs predominantly due to facility O&M end of year adjustment savings;	105,800
Increase due to adjustments in miscellaneous non-compensation related items.	(9,000)
<b>Total decrease in Other Operating Areas</b>	<b>23,000</b>

### 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 2021/12/31	Forecast as of 2021/12/31
Membership Dues	2,400	5,000	5,000
Conferences/Workshops	0	6,726	7,900
Travel – Local	1,000	0	0
Travel – Out of Town	8,500	0	500
Meals	2,000	0	500
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,900</b>	<b>11,726</b>	<b>13,900</b>

For the 2021/22 fiscal year, the BoPC was approved an Operating Budget of \$13,900.

At the end of the 3rd quarter (December 31, 2021) of the 2021/22 fiscal year, the Board of Police Commissioners reported \$11,726 (84%) in actual net operating funds utilized, while forecasting \$13,900 of the approved operating budget to be spent by March 31, 2022.