

Request for Halifax Board of Police Commission Consideration

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Date of Meeting: March 9th, 2023

Subject: Budget Process Refresh and Board Policy Update

That the Halifax Board of Police Commissioners (BoPC) request that the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) provide a staff report outlining changes to the BoPC's Policy Handbook and By-law P-100 that update and outline a budget process that aligns with BoPC's legislated requirements under the Nova Scotia Police Act and follows past approved Council and Board direction related to the budget process. This report should include policy updates that include:

1. Presentation of all capital items within HRM's budget that impact the delivery of Policing services. (Direction approved July 2019)
2. Incorporating public consultation into the board budget process (Direction approved January 2022)
3. Incorporate the approval of staffing and budget decisions related to the HRP budget, within the two-step process that was outlined in the Oct 18th 2022 staff report on *Development of Budget and Approval Process for HRP*
4. Providing the BoPC with further detailed budget breakdown information related to HRP's budget earlier in the budget process.
5. Outlining a timeline on when the budget process engagement should begin.

Reason:

The board has given and received guidance related to the budget process over the years, and currently none of this direction is captured within the Boards Policy Manual or By-law P-100. During our last board budget deliberations, it was highlighted by commissioners that there needs to be further clarity on the process from the time that the board receives budget information to the time the board send a recommendation to Council.

Outcome Sought:

Update to the Board's Policy manual and P-100 and outline a clear process that can be adopted for future budget deliberations.

Commissioner Smith