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## REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **September 27, 2011**

FROM: **City Manager**

FILE: **RCMP Contract  
Mgmt Com**

SUBJECT: **Nominees for the BC/Local Government RCMP Contract Management  
Committee**

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## RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager's Department recommends that Council:

1. endorse the Mayor being named as Surrey's "elected official" nominee and the City Manager being named as Surrey's "staff" nominee to the British Columbia/Local Government RCMP Contract Management Committee; and
2. authorize the City Clerk to forward a letter along with Council's resolution regarding this matter to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) in response to the UBCM request for such nominees.

## INTENT

The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement of City of Surrey nominees in relation to positions on the BC/Local Government RCMP Contract Management Committee.

## BACKGROUND

In a communication, dated September 8, 2011, the UBCM has advised local governments across the province of a new British Columbia/Local Government RCMP Contract Management Committee that is being formed. The communication included a request that the names of local government nominees for positions on the Committee be submitted to the UBCM by October 7, 2011. A copy of the UBCM communication is attached to this report as Appendix "A".

The Committee is intended to provide a forum for consultation, analysis and communication between local governments and the Province regarding the management of the Agreement under which the RCMP provide local police services in BC and to analyze and respond to changes that may be proposed from time to time by the Federal government and/or the RCMP and/or to recommend changes to the Federal government and/or the RCMP that may be considered necessary or appropriate from time to time from the perspective of BC local governments.

As documented in the attached communication, the Committee will have the following membership:

- 3 representatives (elected officials or staff) from a local government with a population over 15,000 in the Lower Mainland RCMP District (two of which must be from the Metro Vancouver Area);
- 2 representatives (elected officials or staff) from a local government with a population over 15,000 outside of the Lower Mainland RCMP District;
- 2 representatives (elected officials or staff) from a local government with a population between 5,000 and 15,000;
- 1 representative (elected official or staff) from a Regional District policed by the RCMP; and
- 1 representative (elected official or staff) from a local government with a population under 5,000.

## DISCUSSION

In Surrey, the Officer in Charge of the RCMP detachment dialogues regularly with each of the Mayor and the City Manager regarding the delivery of local police services in Surrey. This is consistent with the requirements of the Municipal Police Unit Agreement (MPUA), which is the contract between the Province of BC and the City of Surrey under which the RCMP provide local police services for the City of Surrey. This MPUA Agreement is subordinate to a Provincial Police Services Agreement (PPSA), which is a contract between the Province of BC and the federal government under which the RCMP are contracted to provide police services to the Province of BC including local government police services, where necessary.

The Surrey City Manager has been directly involved for the last 2+ years as one of the local government representatives on the Provincial RCMP Contract Renewal negotiating team that is tasked with the responsibility of negotiating a renewal of the PPSA with the federal government. The current PPSA, which had a term of 20 years, expires on March 31, 2012. Through this involvement with the negotiation process the Surrey City Manager has become very familiar with the background to and nuances of both the PPSA and the Municipal Police Unit Agreement, which background would be helpful in relation to the work of the new Committee.

## CONCLUSION

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that Council:

- endorse the Mayor being named as Surrey's "elected official" nominee and the City Manager being named as Surrey's "staff" nominee to the British Columbia/Local Government RCMP Contract Management Committee; and
- authorize the City Clerk to forward a letter along with Council's resolution regarding this matter to the UBCM.

Murray Dinwoodie  
City Manager

**Appendix "A":** UBCM Member Release, dated September 8, 2011, titled "British Columbia: RCMP Contract Management Committee"