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## REGULAR COUNCIL

**TO: Mayor & Council** **DATE: June 25, 2015**

**FROM: Manager, By-law & Licensing Services** **FILE: 7400-01**

**SUBJECT: Contract with BC Commissionaires (Community Safety Patrol) – Additional Expenditure Authority**

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## RECOMMENDATION

The Manager of By-law & Licensing recommends that Council:

1. Receive this report as information;
2. Approve the increase of the contract for the Community Safety Patrol with the BC Commissionaires including a corresponding increase to the contract length for these services. Increase the contract amount by \$459,000 including GST for services provided up to December 31, 2015; and
3. Set the expenditure amount for this contract at \$950,000 including GST.

## INTENT

The purpose of this report is to review the plan for the current Community Safety Patrol (CSP) that was initiated by the City in April 2014 and to request the allocation of \$950,000 including GST for the continuation of the Community Safety Patrol service with the BC Commissionaires until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

## BACKGROUND

It was recommended at the Police Committee meeting on April 23, 2014, that the City of Surrey enter into a contract with the BC Commissionaires to conduct a 36 week Community Safety Patrol (CSP) pilot project with 10 CSP personnel for 2014 and consider increasing the total number of CSP personnel to 20 in 2015. The City has funded the existing CSP project through operational and RCMP contract savings and will strive to fund the remainder of the contract from further savings throughout 2015. The total cost of the pilot project is expected to reach \$950,000 (inclusive of GST) by its completion which will be no later than December 31, 2015.

## DISCUSSION

Approving the allocation of \$950,000 including GST until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 will allow the CSP to continue to work with the community to address special events, signal crimes and nuisance behaviour that impacts the perception of resident's safety and quality of life. It will increase public involvement and positive interaction with police and police programs and improve overall community satisfaction with the Surrey RCMP engagement efforts.

Toward the end of 2015, when the RCMP, By-laws and Community resources are operational, the current CSP model will begin to transition out of operation, with the current arrangement to end no later than December 31, 2015. A full transition plan will be presented for Council endorsement at the next Police Committee.

## SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

Community safety patrols support the overall objectives of the City's Sustainability Charter; specifically this initiative supports the following Charter goal:

- SC11: Public Safety and Security

## CONCLUSION

Based on the above discussions, the Legal Services Division recommends that Council:

- Approve the increase of the contract for the Community Safety Patrol with the BC Commissionaires including a corresponding increase to the contract length for these services. Increase the contract amount by \$459,000 including GST for services provided up to December 31, 2015; and
- Set the expenditure amount for this contract at \$950,000 including GST.

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