

 <p><b>The Corporation of The City of Dryden</b></p>	<p><b>STAFF REPORT</b></p>	<p>For Administration Use Only:</p> <p>Meeting Date: COW September 11, 2017</p> <p>Open <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Closed <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Approved for Agenda: [CAO]</p> <p>Report No. AD-2017-52</p>
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<p>Title:</p>	<p>Police Costing Committee Update</p>	
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**Background:**

**On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 Council approved the process for Administration to pursue a costing estimate from the Ontario Provincial Police. At that time it was also requested that we create a Committee comprised of 3 Councillors, the Police Chief, a Police Services Board member, a representative from the public, CAO and Treasurer.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Meeting held on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

The 8 members of the Committee were present at the above date and met from 5PM-6PM.

The first meeting was to address and start working on our Terms of Reference, the Committee's goals, open items, the process of information flow, present the Costing Contract Proposal Process from the OPP, information gathered to date by the OPP and next steps.

It was determined the Committee will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday night of every month at 5PM until Council makes a decision regarding the proposal presented by the OPP.

I have taken the actions below and present to Council information related to the discussion as follows:

- Pamela Ford (Contract Analyst-Municipal Policing Bureau) is in hopes of visiting Dryden with her team in September – date to be determined.
- The Committee has requested we attempt to expedite the process as much as possible in fairness to everyone involved. The information flow is the key and the Police Chief has been extremely responsive to requests from the OPP.
- We are going to pull together a list of groups and community stakeholders to be sure we reach as many individuals as possible to ask for responses relative to police services.

- The Committee has recommended we host a Town Hall session with an independent facilitator to manage the event in order to provide the Community the opportunity to communicate on this important topic.
- CAO to reach out to the communities of Midland, Owen Sound, Espanola, Aylmer and Stirling-Rawdon for information gathering as they are either complete or very close to receiving their proposal from the OPP.
- CAO to create Project schedule with action items and timelines for achievement.
- The Police Costing Committee's Terms of Reference are being worked on with hopes of being finalized at our October meeting. We have a good template to use provided by a Community that has recently gone through the process.
- It was discussed thoroughly on the goals of the committee and whether or not the committee will be making a recommendation to Council with of course Council making the final decision on what the OPP proposal states. I will be reaching out to the Ministry and other communities on common practice.
- The Committee will also be finalizing a Communication Protocol at our October meeting and here are the high-level requests of this policy:
  - City of Dryden intends on proceeding with this study in a timely and fully consultative fashion.
  - The CAO, as Chair is the only one to be releasing information to the Public during the study period to ensure consistency and accuracy of messaging.
  - Any enquiries regarding this process shall be directed to CAO for response.
  - It is up to the Chair to properly brief Council on the progress of the study and shall provide regular and timely updates to Council.
  - Information requests between the two police services will be channeled through the Chair to ensure compliance with the requests.
  - The Committee will create an avenue for the community to ask questions and receive responses in a timely manner.

I thank everyone for contributing their valuable time on this Committee, it is an extremely important process. We have the right individuals around the table as we ensure we are providing Council with as much of an Apples to Apples comparison as possible.

Best Regards,



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