

Police Costing Committee Meeting

October 28, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

Held via Teams

Present: Councillor M. Price, Councillor M. MacKinnon, Councillor N. Bush, CAO R. Nesbitt, Treasurer S. Lansdell-Roll and Acting Clerk A. Euler.

Absent: None.

This was the first meeting of the Committee. A resolution to request a new O.P.P. Costing was passed at the October 26, 2020 meeting of Council.

Roger advised he'd like to determine the scope of work for the consultants. Discussed that we should use the model used by the consultants last time – there's no need to reinvent the wheel. Consensus was to use the same consultants as last time (MNP) and have them update the information from 2019.

There was much discussion on analysis of calls for service and the need to compare apples to apples. Need to investigate law enforcement best practices for the addition of FTEs. It was recommended to ask both the O.P.P. and DPS what's a good number of calls for service per officer and why that's a good number and probe the rationale with both agencies.

Norm mentioned serious crime is up 44% in Dryden and we need to find out how both forces will handle that going forward.

Ask consultants to reach out to communities that have been through the costing process recently and moved to O.P.P. and those that have moved away from O.P.P. Find out from Kenora and Fort Frances how they feel about moving to the O.P.P. (especially since both have seen cost increases due to calls for service). Also need to ask if the O.P.P. has been able to provide adequate policing in their communities over the last couple of years.

We should also consider the impacts of online services being introduced by O.P.P. and try to determine whether or not O.P.P. are having recruitment issues in our area.

The cost per household needs to be better analyzed and communicated in the final report. It was suggested the next MNP report has an Executive Summary of key findings at the beginning.

Allyson to provide Roger with the Terms of Reference from the last Police Costing Committee.

Discussed adding anyone else to the Committee. Committee decided that's not necessary at this time.

Roger will contact MNP and re-engage them for this costing. Some direction to MNP will be:

- Contact municipalities (maybe 6, including Kenora and Fort Frances) to see how things are going with O.P.P.
 - Contact municipalities who've moved away from O.P.P.
 - Go deeper into calls for service, call types and officer ratios.
- Committee to provide MNP with information we want, and they'll find it.

A lot of work can be done by MNP before the O.P.P. Proposal is received as we can expect a 22-week turnaround. Once the Proposal is received, we can launch the public consultation process (best practice is to include a public meeting).

In response to a question, Roger advised he, Steve and Allyson won't be commenting to the media and will look to Council to provide any media interviews.

The meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.