



City of
Peterborough

To: **Members of the General Committee**

From: **Richard Freymond**
Commissioner of Corporate and Legislative Services

Meeting Date: **May 11, 2020**

Subject: **Report CLSFS20-027**
City/Cavan – Contract Police Service Amendment and Extension Agreement

Purpose

A report to recommend the City amend and extend the agreement for contract Policing Services with the Township of Cavan Monaghan for a period of two years.

Recommendation

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report CLSFS20-027, dated May 11, 2020, of the Commissioner of Corporate and Legislative Services, as follows:

That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute an amendment and extension to the Contract Police Services Agreement with the Township of Cavan Monaghan and the Peterborough Police Services for a two year term from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2022 and in a form acceptable to the Commissioner of Corporate and Legislative Services and the City Solicitor and substantially in the form attached as Appendix A to Report CLSFS20-027.

Budget and Financial Implications

For October 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020, the Township would pay \$324,249 for the base services to be provided plus the cost of liability insurance. An amount of \$20,000 for overtime is included in the annual contract however a reconciliation will occur to actual overtime costs at year end.

For January 1, 2020 to September 30, 2022, annual policing increases for the contract with Cavan Monaghan will be based on negotiations with staff for salaries and inflationary factors for other expenses.

Background

As approved by Council through Report CPFS15-011 dated May 11, 2015, the current agreement for contract policing services with the Township expires on September 30, 2020. City staff including representatives from Police Services, met with Township staff several times to negotiate a renewal of the contract. However, these discussions took place prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. At the present time, both the City and the Township are operating under Declared States of Emergency and it is unclear at this time as to when that situation will change.

In consideration of the current operational status of both municipalities, staff are recommending an amendment and extension to the existing agreement for a further term of two years. In the interim, a status quo scenario will allow the parties to focus on issues arising from the pandemic situation and provide additional time for the negotiation of a renewal of the contract at the appropriate time, should the parties wish to do so.

A key topic in the discussions that had taken place was resolution to the issue of the adequacy of police radio coverage. Ensuring adequate radio coverage becomes a health and safety issue in responding to a policing event. In this regard, several actions have taken place including the Township obtaining preliminary cost estimates from the City's supplier for radio infrastructure that could be installed in the Township, exploring if the radio infrastructure used in Durham Region could be of assistance in mitigating the issues, and a review of the radio technology and how it is configured in the individual police vehicles. This later initiative has led to some positive results and continues to be a work in progress. The contract extension would also allow the rural broadband initiative that is currently in the works to progress further along, with a view to determining how this additional communications infrastructure may be of assistance in resolving the radio coverage issue.

It is recommended that the amendment and extension to the contract contain the following four key elements:

- 1) That during the term of the contract extension, the City/Police ask to upgrade the radio infrastructure in the Township be postponed. The request would be revisited during discussions related to future contract renewals, should these discussions occur. This also allows more time for the radio coverage issue to potentially be resolved in a more cost-effective manner than previously thought.
- 2) An amendment to Schedule A (8) of the 2015 Agreement to provide Police Services additional operational and deployment flexibility, as follows:

8. The Township acknowledges that the dedicated officers may be called upon to attend another incident outside the Township, **or be deployed outside the Township**, as the case may be, as required to protect officer and public safety and where all other officer re-assignments have been explored. **When such circumstances occur, normal policing activities in the Township will resume as soon as the incident or deployment has been addressed.**
- 3) Extension of the term for two years – until 12:00 midnight on the 30th day September 2022.

In extending the term for two years, clause 10(i) of the agreement will be deleted.

- 4) All other terms of the 2015 Agreement to remain the same.

Township staff plan to present this proposed amendment and contract extension to their Council at its meeting to be held May 19, 2020. The Peterborough Police Services Board will consider the matter at their Board meeting on Tuesday May 12, 2020 and authorize the Chair to sign it once it is approved by City Council and the Township of Cavan Monaghan Council, barring any substantial changes.

Summary

Extending the agreement for two years will allow the City, Township and Police Services to focus on the needs of the pandemic in the short term and provide additional time for further discussions at the appropriate time.

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Attachments:

Appendix A – Amendment and Extension Agreement Between the City of Peterborough,
the Township of Cavan Monaghan and Peterborough Police Services

Appendix B – 2015 Policing Services Agreement