

THE CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF WHITE ROCK
CORPORATE REPORT



DATE: July 29, 2024

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Anne Berry, Director, Planning & Development Services

SUBJECT: Estimated Costs for Additional Bylaw Enforcement or Security Guard for Waterfront Patrols

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Council receive the report dated July 29, 2024, from the Director of Planning and Development Services, titled “Estimated Costs for Additional Bylaw Enforcement or Security Guard for Waterfront Patrols,” for information.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the July 15, 2024, Regular Meeting, while discussing CCTV considerations for the City, Council directed staff to report back on costs for additional bylaw enforcement or security guard patrol of the waterfront for the period of April to October. This report is intended to provide the requested information to Council.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION

Motion # & Meeting Date	Motion Details
2024-244 July 15, 2024	THAT Council direct staff to bring forward a corporate report with information in regard to the cost to hire more bylaw enforcement staff and / or security guards from April to October as more of a presence who would start in the afternoons until 2 a.m.

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

Further to Council’s direction at the July 15, 2024, regular meeting, this report is intended to provide Council with information as to the cost implications of hiring additional bylaw enforcement staff and/or security guard services to provide additional waterfront patrols, to 2:00 a.m., daily during the months of April to October.

Bylaw Enforcement Option

For bylaw enforcement officers to undertake this work would require two shifts of two officers to cover afternoon hours to 2:00 a.m., seven (7) days of the week. This would require the hiring of two Temporary Full Time Bylaw Officer 1 positions, for this work.

From the Collective Agreement current rates for a Bylaw Officer 1 are as follows:

Pay Grade 19 *Step 1*-\$34.63 *Step 2*-\$ 36.08 *Step 3*-\$ 37.58 *Step-4* \$39.14
Step-5 \$40.74

Using the average of Step 3 for calculation purposes, this would cost the City approximately \$121,000 in wages, plus an additional approximately 30% for benefits, amounting to approximately \$157,300 for the six-month period of April to October, assuming eight-hour shifts.

Bylaw Officer 1 positions would bring the added benefit of enforcing regulations and educating the public where bylaw violations are noted, in addition to notifying the RCMP of criminal activity.

Security Guard Option

Hiring a security guard would cost in the range of \$23 to \$25 per hour. Assuming the same number of security guards, and the same shift duration, would be required as with the Bylaw Officer 1 positions, this would cost the City approximately \$85,000 for the same six-month period.

Security guard services would be limited to patrolling and notifying the RCMP of any observed criminal activity only and would not include enforcement of City regulations or education of the public.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Retaining either additional Bylaw Enforcement Officer 1 positions or hiring private security guard services to patrol the waterfront until 2:00 a.m. daily for the six-month period between April and October is estimated to cost the City anywhere from \$85,000 to \$157,300, depending on the preferred approach. These amounts are not budgeted in the current financial plan.

COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Expanding waterfront patrols would provide a further presence in the community. Bylaw Enforcement Officers provide community outreach as they help increase awareness of City regulations through education and conversations with the public.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

There is no specific strategic priority, however this initiative if implemented would support Council's vision for a prosperous and vibrant waterfront.

CONCLUSION

This report summarizes the cost implications of hiring additional bylaw enforcement staff and/or security guard services to provide additional waterfront patrols, to 2:00 a.m., daily during the months of April to October.

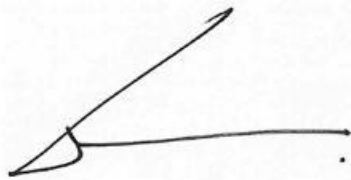
Respectfully submitted,



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Comments from the Chief Administrative Officer

This corporate report is provided to Council for information as per Council's direction.



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Chief Administrative Officer