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CITY OF WHITE ROCK CORPORATE REPORT



DATE: March 8, 2021

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Jim Gordon, P.Eng., Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations

SUBJECT: RCMP Interior Improvements – Advance Budget Endorsement

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council give advance budget approval of \$100K for the Police Server Room and \$25K for RCMP interior renovations.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report requests Council to endorse advance budget approval for RCMP server room and interior renovations.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION

Not applicable.

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

White Rock RCMP Support Services staff specialize in RCMP Administration, Community Policing/Crime Prevention and Victim Services and provide the community of White Rock with access to related services including Police Information Checks, Civil Fingerprinting and documenting various crime reports.

As the City of Surrey transitions to a municipal police model, White Rock RCMP has reviewed its business continuity strategies to address current contracted RCMP information technology services. It was found that the following building improvements are necessary to support the White Rock RCMP Detachment's information technology independent from a municipal infrastructure:

- A new secure room for a new on-site server; and
- Interior renovations for IT infrastructure.

The target completion date for the front counter improvements is October 2021 and for the server room is June 2021, respectively. Design, permitting, and construction must begin immediately to meet this timeline.

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The 2021 Financial Plan contemplates \$100K for Police Server Room and \$25K for RCMP Interior Improvements. Advance budget approval is required to retain a consultant to begin design work.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The City of White Rock is required to provide infrastructure for RCMP services.

COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

INTERDEPARTMENTAL INVOLVEMENT/IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

This project is part of the "Policing Service Review" and identified as a high priority in Council's 2021-2022 Strategic Priorities.

OPTIONS / RISKS / ALTERNATIVES

The following alternative option is available for Council's consideration:

1. Not endorse advance budget approval for RCMP server room and interior renovations.

If this option is selected, the City will not be able to effectively support RCMP services and meet the necessary timelines.

CONCLUSION

As the City of Surrey moves to a municipal police model, the City of White Rock needs to upgrade its IT infrastructure to provide necessary RCMP Support Services. The upgrades are needed by May 2021. Therefore, Staff recommends that Council endorse advance budget approval of \$100K for the Police Server Room and \$25K for RCMP interior renovations.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Gordon, P.Eng.

Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations

Comments from the Chief Administrative Officer

I concur with the recommendation of this corporate report.

Guillermo Ferrero

Chief Administrative Officer