

POLICE SERVICES BOARD REPORT

Meeting date: October 16, 2024
Department: Police Service
Report No.: POL-2024-22
Submitted by: Mark Campbell – Chief of Police
Approved by: Jennifer Pereira, Police Board Secretary
SUBJECT: Proposed 2025 Police Services Budget

RECOMMENDATION: THAT: the Board receive report POL-2024-22 for information.

BACKGROUND

The Community Safety Policing Act (2019) under section 50 states:

Municipal board finances

50 (1) A municipality that maintains a municipal board shall provide the board with sufficient funding to,

- (a) comply with this Act and the regulations; and
- (b) pay the expenses of the board's operation, other than the remuneration of board members.
2019, c. 1, Sched. 1, s. 50 (1); 2023, c. 12, Sched. 1, s. 19 (1).

Estimates

(2) A municipal board shall submit operating and capital estimates to the municipality that will show, separately, the amounts that will be required to,

- (a) comply with this Act and the regulations, including the amounts required to provide the police service with required equipment and facilities, having regard for the various ways that the board can discharge this obligation; and
- (b) pay the expenses of the board's operation, other than the remuneration of board members.
2019, c. 1, Sched. 1, s. 50 (2); 2023, c. 12, Sched. 1, s. 19 (2).

Same

(3) The format of the estimates, the period that they cover and the timetable for their submission shall be determined by the municipality. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1, s. 50 (3).

Budget

(4) Upon reviewing the estimates, the municipality shall establish an overall budget for the municipal board for the purposes described in clauses (1) (a) and (b) and, in doing so, the municipality is not bound to adopt the estimates submitted by the municipal board. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1, s. 50 (4).

Same

(5) In establishing an overall budget for the municipal board, the municipality does not have the authority to approve or disapprove specific items in the estimates. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1, s. 50 (5).

Dispute

(6) If the municipal board is not satisfied that the budget established for it by the municipality is sufficient for the purposes described in clauses (1) (a) and (b),

- (a) the municipal board and the municipality may jointly apply to the Commission Chair to appoint a conciliation officer to attempt to resolve the matter; or
- (b) the municipal board may give the municipality written notice referring the matter to arbitration. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1, s. 50 (6).

COMMENTS

On October 3rd, 2024 a preliminary draft budget was presented and reviewed to the Board Chair Brennan and Mayor Grantham. On October 10th, 2024 the draft budget was further presented and reviewed by the Director of Finance. The proposed budget presented for board review is reflective of the document from those meetings.

The proposed budget is presented for information purposes with further discussions, deliberations and approval requested for the November meeting date.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS & ATTACHMENTS

See attached updated 2024 proposed Police operating/capital budget.