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Date: May 25, 2021
To: Mayor and Council
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RE: Police Services Board Composition
Report No.: 2021-03

RECOMMENDED ACTION

That Council endorse the Essex OPP two-board model; and that this motion be submitted to Tecumseh for inclusion in the final detachment board proposal to the Solicitor General.

BACKGROUND

As previously provided to Council in initial reports last year, the pending transition from the current Police Services Act (1990) to the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 provides for legislative reform on the current Section 10 Police Boards for OPP Served Communities.

On May 10 2021 Council was presented a report outlining the framework for police board composition.

DISCUSSION

As outlined in the Solicitor General framework, it requires municipalities and First Nations within a Detachment to work together to develop and submit one proposal indicating the composition of their board(s) by June 7, 2021, and if requested, their rationale for multiple boards within the same region/detachment area.

Further to the report presented to Council on May 10, 2021, a regional meeting of area CAOs, Mayor and Board Chairs met on May 13, 2021 to discuss the board composition options (attached Schedule A).

Since the last report, the Municipality of Leamington held a Special Council Meeting on May 18, 2021, with respect to policing services. Leamington Council voted not to

proceed with a change in police service, at this time. It is believed that the Municipality of Leamington is going to remain with OPP policing for the present time. Leamington will be part of the Essex County OPP detachment board in the short term.

The various board model options were discussed along with the new information from Leamington and the following consensus was reached:

- to recommend a two-board model to our municipal Councils for consideration of support, permitting the Town of Essex to determine which board they wish to join

The Town of Tecumseh was the municipality nominated to submit the detachment board proposal to the Ministry of the Solicitor General for the June 7, 2021 deadline.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

To promote a safe community.

Link to Council 2021-2022 Priorities

- COVID-19 and the health and safety of the community
- Customer Service: Training, Technology, Staff, Review Standards/Level of service
- Housing: Affordability (lot sizes, developer incentives, second dwellings, density, etc.)
- Greenhouse: lights & dark sky, odours (site plan compliance, bylaws, other tools)
- Programming Increase: Youth and Seniors
- A development plan for Downtown Kingsville / Main Street
- Financial savings: Schools closings, Migration Hall
- Economic Development: strengthen tourism/hospitality
- COVID - economic recovery
- Communications: Strategy – Policy (social media), Website refresh and other tools, Public engagement
- Housing: Migrant Worker Housing – Inspections (Building/Fire), regulate, reduce, or increase
- Committees / Boards: Review and Report
- Policy Update: Procedural Bylaw
- Economic Development: diversify the economy, create local jobs, industrial, Cottam
- Infrastructure (non-Municipal): Union Water expansion & governance
- Infrastructure (Municipal): Asset Management Plan update, the infrastructure funding deficit
- No direct link to Council priorities

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial impacts at this time.

Updates on the renewal process around the current policing contract will be provided in late Summer 2021 by the OPP Contract Division. It is anticipated under the new CSPA that individual municipal contracts will be terminated while billing under the new model will continue to individual municipalities based on their local experience and statistics and will operate as a separate function from the proposed Detachment Board.

CONSULTATIONS

As provided in report.

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