



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Toronto Police Service: Community Policing Partnership Program Grant Amending Agreement

Date:	June 9, 2016
To:	Executive Committee, City of Toronto
From:	Andrew Pringle, Chair, Toronto Police Services Board

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to request the Executive Committee to submit a recommendation to City Council to authorize the City of Toronto to enter into an Amending Agreement to the Community Policing Partnership (CPP) Program Agreement between the Province of Ontario (Province), the City of Toronto, and the Toronto Police Services Board. This Amending Agreement was received on April 18, 2016 and amends the current Agreement, which expired on March 31, 2016, extending the term of the Agreement for a period of one year – April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017.

Under the CPP Program, the Toronto Police Service (Service) receives grant funding of up to \$7.53 million annually to cover a portion (\$30,000 per officer) of the salaries and benefits of up to 251 officers. Although the program has been on-going, a formal agreement is entered into every two years. This year, the Province has provided a commitment for a one-year agreement only, with no further commitment for funding under the program at this time. Revenue of \$7.53 million is built into the Service budget each year for the CPP grant program. In order to maximize the amount of funding received under this grant, the Service must maintain its uniform staffing levels at a pre-determined benchmark of at least 5,180 officers. Uniform staffing levels have been maintained above this benchmark every year since the inception of the CPP Program in 1998 and the uniform strength for the duration of this grant term, which ends March 31, 2017, is projected to continue to exceed the benchmark.

RECOMMENDATIONS

On behalf of the Toronto Police Services Board, the Chair of the Board, Andrew Pringle, recommends that:

City of Toronto Council authorize the City of Toronto to sign the Amending Agreement to the Community Policing Partnership (CPP) Agreement with the Province and the Toronto Police Services Board, subject to approval as to form by the City Solicitor.

Implementation Points

The Province requires that both the Toronto Police Services Board and the City of Toronto sign the CPP Amending Agreement. Once City Council authorization has been obtained, the Toronto Police Service will arrange for the appropriate City officials to sign the Amending Agreement.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact beyond what has already been approved in the current year's budget for the Service.

As the CPP Program has been an on-going program, grant funding, estimated at \$7.53 million, is included as revenue in the 2016 Toronto Police Service Operating Budget. Entering into the Amending Agreement with the Province in respect of the CPP Program will have no further financial implications or impact. However, failing to enter into the Amending Agreement would result in the loss of revenue of \$7.53 million for the Board and the City with respect to the 251 officers that are partially funded through the grant program.

The CPP Program Amending Agreement with the Province does not commit the City to any additional expenditures.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The CPP Program is a cost-sharing arrangement between the Province of Ontario and various municipalities. The Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services (then known as the Ministry of the Solicitor General) introduced the Program in 1998 to assist municipalities to enhance community safety and increase police visibility by sharing the cost of an additional 1,000 front-line uniform officers across Ontario. The Province committed to pay 50% of all salary and benefits costs of allocated uniform hires, to a maximum of \$30,000 per officer per year. Police Services were required to maintain a minimum uniform staffing level equal to the Program benchmark (actual uniform staffing level reported at June 15, 1998) and the allocated new uniform hires. All CPP funded officers were to be assigned to a community policing function.

The Service was allocated 251 officers to be funded by the CPP Program and is, therefore, required to maintain a minimum uniform strength of 5,180 officers (program benchmark of 4,929 officers and 251 additional officers) to receive the full amount of funding offered under the program. This is currently not an issue, as the Service uniform strength is projected to be above that number for the duration of the grant term and has exceeded the minimum required staffing level in every year since 1998.

The renewal Agreement provides that the Province will continue to share the salary and benefit costs for up to 251 police officers above the Program benchmark identified above. Based on the current uniform officer strength, it is expected that the Service will claim the full amount of \$7.53M of available grant funding for the term of the Agreement.

COMMENTS

The CPP Program Amending Agreement contains terms and conditions substantially similar to those contained in the previous Agreement with the Province. The Agreement will be reviewed and approved as to form by the City Solicitor prior to its execution.

The Province requires that both the Toronto Police Services Board and the City of Toronto sign the Amending Agreement. It is therefore necessary that Council authorise the appropriate City officials to sign all documents related to the Program and the Agreement on behalf of the City of Toronto.

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