

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council **DATE: September 13, 2018**

**FROM: General Manager, Engineering
Officer in Charge, Surrey RCMP** **FILE: 1280-01**

**SUBJECT: Service Agreement with the Ministry of Public Works and Government
Services Canada**

RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department and the Surrey RCMP recommend that the Council:

1. Receive this report for information; and
2. Authorize the Mayor to execute the Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) among the Ministry of Public Works and Government Services Canada, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and City of Surrey attached as Appendix “I”. The value of the MOA will not exceed \$600,000 per year.

INTENT

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview to Council and obtain approval for the Mayor to execute an MOA to establish a service relationship between the City, RCMP and Public Works and Government Services Canada with respect to the stripping and outfitting of police vehicles.

BACKGROUND

Surrey Detachment has the largest fleet of police vehicles among RCMP detachments in the country. Surrey RCMP has 347 police vehicles, both marked and unmarked vehicles, for front line Core Policing, Investigative Services, Operations Support, and Community Services. Surrey RCMP Fleet/Transport Services Section and Operations Support are responsible for repair, maintenance, forecasting of future vehicle needs and scheduling replacement vehicles.

“E” Division RCMP Fleet Management (“Post Garage”) in Chilliwack provides the “fit up” of new police vehicles. In 2017, Post Garage had approximately 300 vehicles to fit up for the entire Division. As a result of this backlog and the delays of receiving new equipped marked vehicles, Surrey Detachment initiated discussions with the City on the opportunity for the City to provide marked vehicle fit up services at the City’s garage at the Engineering Operations Centre.

On July 24, 2017 a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) between the City and the RCMP was signed for \$99,000 inclusive of all applicable taxes with respect to the City providing the RCMP

with police vehicle fit up services. The arrangement with the City of Surrey Fleet & Garage started in July and was in effect until March 31, 2018.

Between July 2017 and March 31, 2018 the City fit up 15 police vehicles. During this time “E” Division RCMP planned to address the ongoing delays for service and fit up of new police vehicles by advertising contracts within the Province to outside vendors for service. Due to the complexity and size of the contract, the posting of the contract was delayed. As the initial MOU had been completed, the City and the RCMP extended the agreement on March 15, 2018 to include the service and fit up of 9 additional police vehicles over the following four months.

DISCUSSION

In consultation with “E” Division Contracting and Procurement, Surrey RCMP advised they were very satisfied with the services provided by the City. City staff have been trained by RCMP Post Garage, security cleared by the RCMP and are providing excellent service. Surrey Detachment has benefited greatly from the service arrangement with the City. The faster service delivery of operational vehicles ensures that front line operations are not impacted by vehicle shortages. Additionally, the City Operations Centre is located in close proximity to Surrey Detachment, so savings are realized in terms of the time spent transporting vehicles to and from the RCMP Post Garage in Chilliwack.

The Surrey RCMP has recently expressed concern that waiting for the provincial contracts to be finalized and then implemented would result in significant delays. An inter-governmental MOA between Canada (Public Works and Government Services Canada), the RCMP and the City was prepared to continue the services with the City without interruption. A copy of the MOA is attached as Appendix “I” to this report.

The MOA has been signed by Public Works and Government Services Canada staff, and is now ready for signature by representatives from the City and RCMP E-Division.

Upon signing, the MOA will remain in effect for a period of one (1) year from the effective date with the option to extend for an additional two (2) consecutive one (1) year periods. Canada will reimburse the City for the total cost of all work performed by the City in accordance with the financial arrangements of the MOA, but will not exceed \$600,000 per year.

Legal Services Review

Legal Services has reviewed this report and the MOA and have no concerns.

Finance Department Review

The Finance Department has reviewed this report and the MOA and have no concerns.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

The establishment of a service relationship with the Ministry of Public Works and Government Services Canada, on behalf of the RCMP through the MOA supports the Sustainability Charter 2.0 Public Safety theme. Specifically, it supports the following Desired Outcomes (“DO”):

- Public Safety DO2: Police and fire services provide timely and reliable responses across the city.
- Public Safety DO5: Surrey is recognized and perceived as a leader in establishing and maintaining collaborative partnerships for community safety and well-being.

CONCLUSION

The Engineering Department and the Surrey RCMP recommend that the Council:

1. Authorize the Mayor to execute the MOA among the Ministry of Public Works and Government Services Canada, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and City of Surrey attached as Appendix "I". The MOA will not exceed \$600,000 per year.

Fraser Smith, P.Eng., MBA
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Attachment:
Appendix "I" – Memorandum of Agreement