

Increase Security for Downtown City Facilities

Supplementary Information for Budget 2020

On page 331 of the 2020 Budget booklet, staff recommend a service level enhancement that would provide mobile security/enforcement response at the Greater Sudbury Downtown Transit Hub and for all City of Greater Sudbury facilities and properties within the Downtown core. At the direction of Council, this case can be adjusted to reduce the net annual investment of \$432,513 listed in the business case in the form of a pilot trial program during 2020, which would allow staff and Council to evaluate the benefits of this new service.

The recommended service level within the business case is for two (2) Municipal Law Enforcement Officers (MLEO), with mobile patrol vehicle, between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 a.m., for 365 days per year. Staff have identified two potential sources of one-time funding which would allow for a trial of the recommended service level during 2020. Alternatively, the hours of service can be adjusted or the trial could be accomplished for a defined number of months in 2020 (i.e. April to November). There are specific operating costs associated with fuel, vehicle, uniform and equipment; as such, the listed operating costs would likely not be significantly reduced depending on the number of hours or days of service. Where the business case identifies potential revenue associated with Parking and Part I fines, the value will be reduced with any modification of hours.

Below is a chart that provides two (2) alternative models of service as compared with the recommended option contained in the business case. The overall annual investment considers operating expenses of \$25,000 and offsetting fine revenue.

Available Options

# of MLEO	Days/Year	Hours/Day	Estimated Salary and Benefits Cost	Annual Investment	Cannabis Funding	Difference	BIA Investment
Two	365	16	\$421,513	\$432,513	\$200,000	\$232,513	?
Two	365 days during 2020	7	\$200,223	\$218,223	\$200,000	\$18,223	?
Two	214 (Apr-Nov, 2020)	16	\$258,776	\$275,576	\$200,000	\$75,576	?

Consideration for funding support has been expressed through the Downtown BIA. Although there has not been a specific dollar amount brought forward for allocation, the BIA have confirmed a desire to support this project and would be looking to utilize reserve funds or alternative sources to support the project on a one (1) time basis.

Although not a permanent source of funding, support of \$200,000 can be allocated to this pilot program through Provincial Cannabis funding that has been allocated to the City of Greater Sudbury. These two funding options greatly reduce any impact on the levy and allow this project to proceed as a pilot project where Staff can gather statistical data to illustrate the benefits of the service.

The business case specifies a security/enforcement response to City facilities and properties in the Downtown core associated with Transit, Parks, Arenas, Libraries and Housing. Through the implementation of municipal by-law similar to that in the City of Barrie By-law (<https://www.barrie.ca/City%20Hall/ByLaws/BylawDocs/2004-142%20%20Nuisance%20Consolidated.pdf>), there may be option to respond to other issues in the Downtown core that impact residents (impeding passage of pedestrians, road fouling, etc). Further, this service level can support City of Greater Sudbury facilities outside of the Downtown, that experience security incidents. In order to provide estimate of the approximate number of events that occur, Staff have requested annual stats for non-emergency police calls at specific City of Greater Sudbury properties such as Libraries, Transit Terminal and Memorial Park. When these stats are received, it is anticipated that the service level may support Greater Sudbury Police in the reduction of calls for service. The recommended service provides an enhanced response that aligns with responsibilities under the Occupational Health and Safety Act specific to harassment and violence.

This business case recommends a service level that supports City of Greater Sudbury staff and residents where there is currently a gap in response. Whether at a facility where uniformed security is not present, or on a bus, Police are unable to attend quickly to non-emergency calls for service such as unwanted person, suspicious person, suspected drug use or theft.

Should Council select one of the two pilot program options for this enhanced service level, Staff will return with a report to Council prior to the 2021 Budget. Where statistical data illustrates a positive benefit of the service, a business case will be brought forward to recommend next steps for the service.