

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF KAWARTHA LAKES

REPORT

FIN2007-067

Meeting Date: September 17, 2007
Meeting Time: 1:00 p.m.
Meeting Place: Council Chambers
Community and Emergency Services Committee

WARD: ALL

Subject: Use of Kawartha Lakes Police Contingency Reserve

Author: Carolyn Daynes, CA **Signature:**

RECOMMENDATION(S):

THAT Report FIN2007-067, "Use of Kawartha Lakes Police Contingency Reserve", be received;

THAT 50% of the cost of the radar speed sign to be purchased jointly with the OPP detachment be funded from the Kawartha Lakes Police Services Contingency Reserve as recommended by the Police Services Board.

DIRECTOR:

OTHER:

TREASURER (if applicable)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

BACKGROUND:

In Report FIN2004-134 Finance committed to bringing forward to Council any motions of the Police Services Board that were of a financial nature. Ultimately the purpose of bringing forward the information in this report is to seek Council's approval of various Police Service Board motions that involve the use of the Kawartha Lakes Police Services Contingency Reserve. This reserve was created through Report FIN2004-170 and is to be used for various expenditures of the Police Services Board. Reserve transfers are normally handled through the budget process but it has been the continued practice of the Police Services Board to seek approval throughout the year on reserve funding of special project expenses that occur.

RATIONALE:

The Police Services Board has passed a motion to fund expenses for the purchase of a radar speed sign from the Kawartha Lakes Police Contingency Reserve. This purchase is being made in conjunction with the Ontario Provincial Police detachment in the area. The following resolution was passed at the July 16, 2007 meeting of the Police Services Board.

Moved by: Mr. O'Reilly, Seconded By: Mr James

"Resolved that Report PSB 2007-015 be received and the recommendation contained therein, i.e. that the CKL Police Services Board approve the CKL Police Services joint purchase with the CKL OPP of a Radar Speed Sign at a cost of 50% of an estimated \$20,472.10 plus tax, from the Contingency Reserve Fund, be approved."

As discussed in the Police Services Board report attached (Attachment A) the radar speed signs will advise the approaching motorist of their respective speed and will issue an advisory message display if necessary. The signs possess data storage capacity which is retrievable by police agencies. The data will inform the police of traffic flow and mean speeds. This information will be used to adjust enforcement plans in the area. The initial location of the radar sign will be determined based on an analysis of the area with the highest incidence of benchmark collisions. Benchmark collisions are defined as collision involving death, life threatening injuries or injuries which were severely life altering.

The total cost of the radar speed sign is \$20,472.10 plus taxes. This would mean that the City of Kawartha Lakes Police Services portion would be 50% of the total cost or \$10,236.05 plus taxes. The Kawartha Lakes Police Contingency Reserve currently has a balance of \$178,005.75 so there are enough funds to cover this expenditure.

It should be noted that the O.P.P. has sent a similar request for funding of their 50% of the cost of the radar speed sign from the O.P.P. Rate Stabilization reserve. This request was presented at the August 15th meeting of the Community and Emergency Services (CES) Committee. At the time the following resolution was passed:

Moved by Councillor James, seconded by Councillor Yeo

"RECOMMEND THAT the correspondence from Mike Reynolds, Acting Inspector and Acting Detachment Commander, O.P.P. regarding usage of the 2006 O.P.P."

Reconciliation Funding be received and this matter be deferred to the next Community and Emergency Services Committee Meeting"

In March 2005 Council approved the setting aside of \$20,000 from the 2004 O.P.P. reconciliation for future expenses of the O.P.P. Traffic Program. The O.P.P. detachment has spent \$9,484.64 of this amount leaving a balance of \$10,515.36. The remaining balance is sufficient to cover the funding for the O.P.P. portion of this project and therefore a separate Council resolution is not required.

OTHER ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

Council could decide not to allow the Kawartha Lakes Police Service Board to access the Kawartha Lakes Police Contingency Reserve for the expense noted above. However given that the expenditures are not budgeted for 2007 this would not be recommended. By utilizing the reserve Council is allowing a potential deficit in the Kawartha Lakes Police Service department to be funded by reserve dollars rather than the 2007 tax levy. In addition the Police Services Board has already approved the use of the reserve to cover these expenses and therefore feel that the expense is warranted.

Council could decide to fund the expenditures from another City reserve. This is not recommended since the Kawartha Lakes Police Services Contingency Reserve was set up to cover expenses for the Police Services Board and therefore it makes sense to utilize it for this purpose. There is no reason to look at other reserves.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The financial impact of transferring money from the Kawartha Lakes Police Contingency Reserve to fund this expenditure is an improvement to the bottom line of the corporation because revenue is being added. The expenditures were not budgeted so therefore without this reserve transfer this expense could result in a deficit in the Kawartha Lakes Police Services department.

As mentioned above the Kawartha Lakes Police Contingency Reserve has a balance of \$178,005.75 which is sufficient to fund this expense.

ACCESSIBILITY IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

RELATIONSHIP OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO 2002-2012 VISION:

N/A

CONSULTATIONS:

Chief John Hagarty – Chief of Police for Kawartha Lakes Police Service
Acting Inspector Mike Reynolds, Acting Detachment Commander for City of Kawartha Lakes O.P.P. Detachment

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – PSB2007-15 – Unbudgeted Capital Expenditures

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