



Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board

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February 24, 2006

Mr. Denis Kelly
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The Regional Municipality of York
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Connie Phillipson

Dear Mr. Kelly:

At its meeting on February 22, 2006, the Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board received a report from Chief Armand P. La Barge entitled *Re: Safer Communities – 1,000 Officers Policing Partnerships Grant* and adopted recommendations (1) and (2) as follows:

- (1) That the Board authorize the Chair to execute the agreement between the Board, Her Majesty the Queen in the Right of the Province of Ontario (the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services), The Regional Municipality of York, relating to the Safer Communities – 1,000 Officers Policing Partnerships (SC-TOPP) Grant; and
- (2) That the Board refer this report and its endorsement of the SC-TOPP agreement to Regional Council recommending that Regional Council authorize the execution of this agreement.

Therefore, in accordance with the Board's resolution, I request that you forward the amended Protocol to Regional Council for its approval of recommendation (2) above.

Yours truly,

Connie Phillipson
Executive Director

Attachment



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Chief of Police
Armand P. La Barge

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THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK POLICE SERVICES BOARD

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

22 FEBRUARY 2006

Re: Safer Communities – 1,000 Officers Policing Partnerships Grant

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) That the Board authorize the Chair to execute the agreement between the Board, Her Majesty the Queen in the Right of the Province of Ontario (the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services), The Regional Municipality of York, relating to the Safer Communities – 1,000 Officers Policing Partnerships (SC-TOPP) Grant; and
- (2) that the Board refer this report and its endorsement of the SC-TOPP agreement to Regional Council recommending that Regional Council authorize the execution of this agreement.

SYNOPSIS:

York Regional Police has received approval for funding of 100 new officers under the Safer Communities – 1,000 Officers Policing Partnerships Program. In accordance with that program, the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, the Regional Municipality of York and the Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board have entered into a tripartite agreement. As a result, the agreement needs to be executed by the Chair of the Police Services Board and the Regional Chair.

The province will fund 35 officers retroactively to May 18, 2005 and an additional 65 officers between April 1, 2006 and November 30, 2007, to a maximum of \$35,000 per annum resulting in an estimated \$2.14 million in additional grant revenue during 2006.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

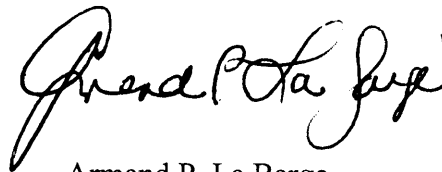
York Regional Police 2006 Operating Budget contains grant revenue of \$2,140,000 from the Safer Communities – 1,000 Officers Policing Partnerships Program for 100 officers. This is based on funding of 35 officers from January 1, 2006, and 65 officers being hired between April 2006, and November 30, 2007, in accordance with the approved Five Year Staffing Plan. Based on the maximum funding of \$35,000 per officer, the 2007 funding is estimated at \$3,200,000 and the maximum funding of \$3,500,000 should be reached in 2008.

BACKGROUND:

The Safer Communities – 1,000 Officers Policing Partnerships (SC-TOPP) grant was first introduced as a provincial election promise by the Liberal party in 2003. On August 12, 2005, the provincial government announced the new grant program. Application was made by York Regional Police by the September 30, 2005 deadline with the allocation announcement to be made by November 21, 2005.

The funding for this program is permanent with the 1,000 additional officers being allocated across the province. Fifty per cent of the officers will be allocated of community policing and the remainder allocated to justice efficiency and the six target areas of youth crime, guns and gangs, organized crime, dangerous offenders, domestic violence and protecting children.

This program is a 50-50 cost-sharing partnership between the province and the municipalities covering salary, benefits and overtime costs, to a maximum of \$35,000 per annum per new officer and is reimbursed biannually in arrears to the municipality.



Armand P. La Barge,
Chief of Police.

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