

**Policing Transition – Technical Assistance Agreement with City of Vancouver and  
Vancouver Police Department**

That Council:

1. Receive Corporate Report CCo06 for information.
2. Authorize staff to enter into the Technical Assistance Agreement as shown in Confidential Appendix "I" to the report.
3. Authorize staff to release the resolution and a redacted version of Corporate Report CCo06, with confidential information removed.

## CORPORATE REPORT

NO: *CC006*

COUNCIL DATE: *January 30, 2019*

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### CLOSED COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **January 25, 2019**

FROM: **General Manager, Policing Transition**

FILE: **7400-01**

SUBJECT: **Policing Transition – Technical Assistance Agreement With City of Vancouver and Vancouver Police Department**

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### RECOMMENDATION

The Policing Transition Department recommends that Council:

1. Receive this report for information;
2. Authorize Staff to enter into the Technical Assistance Agreement as shown in the attached Confidential Appendix "I"; and
3. Authorize Staff to release this report to the public without the Confidential Appendix "I"

### INTENT

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information on the Technical Assistance Agreement ("TAA") being established between the City of Surrey, the City of Vancouver and the Vancouver Police Board, to support the transition to a Surrey Police Department.

### BACKGROUND

On November 5, 2018 Mayor McCallum brought forward a Motion that was adopted unanimously by Council, and which directed staff to take "*all appropriate steps to immediately create a Surrey Police Department in accordance with the BC Police Act*". On November 6, 2018, letters were forwarded to the Province and the Federal government notifying the City's intent to terminate its contract for the RCMP police service (as per the provisions of the Municipal Police Unit Agreement) and to transition to an independent municipal police service.

On January 21, 2019 the Public Safety Committee unanimously endorsed a recommendation (Committee Report CP003;2019) authorizing staff to enter into a TAA with the City of Vancouver and the Vancouver Police Board. The Committee requested the TAA be forwarded to Council for review and information. The TAA outlines the scope of work where the City of Vancouver and the Vancouver Police Department ("VPD") staff, as authorized by the Vancouver Police Board, will provide expert assistance in developing a Transition Plan to be submitted to the Province of British Columbia.

## DISCUSSION

While the City is building a policing model which addresses and is focussed on the needs of Surrey's residents, this agreement with the City of Vancouver and the Vancouver Police Department will provide necessary technical assistance on the Transition Plan proposal. The work will be facilitated via the Technical Assistance Agreement (attached as Appendix "I"). Under the TAA, Vancouver and the VPD agree to provide Surrey with assistance in developing a Transition Plan proposal for submission to the Province. The TAA obliges Surrey to reimburse the City of Vancouver and the VPD for their reasonable costs in providing such assistance to a maximum of \$150,000, which can only be increased upon request for approval by the City of Surrey. Schedule "A" of the TAA briefly outlines the basis of the proposal, which will include a current state analysis, future state analysis and a framework for implementation. The TAA also outlines the parties' respective responsibilities in the event of any third party actions brought in connection with the TAA, as well as commitments regarding confidentiality and the use of personal information.

A Transition Plan Working Group has been established with representatives from the City of Surrey, the VPD, the City of Vancouver and Dr. Curt Griffiths, a Professor in the School of Criminology at Simon Fraser University. The General Manager, Policing Transition will lead the Working Group, and Dr. Griffiths will provide expertise on the broad outline of the report and the methodology required to do the necessary analysis. The VPD team will provide additional analysis and required subject matter expertise on all substantive areas including officer deployment, role of civilian employees, operational expertise, administrative and financial structures, technological needs and options, and structure of investigative teams and specialty squads.

It is anticipated that it will take approximately 8 weeks to finalize the first draft of the Transition Plan that will be submitted to the Province.

In addition to the expert advice provided via the TAA, staff are consulting with experts from a variety of related fields to ensure a comprehensive report validated by a broad cross section of experts.

Staff will update Council at Public Safety Committee meetings as more information becomes available. The TAA was developed by the Policing Transition Department and Legal Services. Staff collaboratively reviewed drafts with the City of Vancouver, VPD and their legal department.

## SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

The transition from the Surrey RCMP to an independent municipal police service supports the objectives of the City's Sustainability Charter 2.0. In particular, this transition supports the Sustainability Charter 2.0 theme of Public Safety. Specifically, this project supports the following Desired Outcomes ("DO"):

- DO1: Residents are safe and have a strong sense of security in all neighbourhoods and throughout the city.
- DO2: Police and fire services provide timely and reliable responses across the city.

## CONCLUSION

The establishment of a Surrey Police Department requires that the City secure the best expert advice and support in building a responsive policing model for Surrey. The completion of the TAA with the City of Vancouver and the VPD will allow the City to access best-practice policies, procedures and operational approaches and obtain detailed advice from a highly regarded municipal police service and academics. This TAA is a vital step in completion of a successful Transition Plan proposal for submission to the Province of British Columbia.



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Appendix "I" – Technical Assistance Agreement