SUBJECT: Community Policing Partnerships (CPP) Program Agreement with Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services for Additional Funding for Front-line Officers (City Wide) (PSB98-069g)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Community Policing Partnerships (CPP) Program Agreement respecting additional funding for front-line officers between the Province of Ontario, the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Police Services Board, such agreement to be in a form satisfactory to Corporate Counsel.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Police Services Board met on Monday November, 16, 2009 and respectfully submits the above recommendation which, the Police Board approved. As outlined in the attached report (PSB 98-069g), the agreement was to be forwarded to City Council for execution. The Community Policing Partnerships Program Agreement has been reviewed and approved by Legal Counsel to the Police Service.
BACKGROUND:

(see attached report PSB 98-069g)

ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES:

(see attached report PSB 98-069g)

FINANCIAL/STAFFING/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

(see attached report PSB 98-069g)

POLICIES AFFECTING PROPOSAL:

(see attached report PSB 98-069g)

CONSULTATION WITH RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS/AGENCIES:

(see attached report PSB 98-069g)

CITY STRATEGIC COMMITMENT:

(see attached report PSB 98-069g)

Attachment: PSB 98-069g
Community Policing Partnerships (CPP) Program
Agreement with Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services for Additional Funding for Front-line Officers

cc Chief Brian J. Mullan, Hamilton Police Service
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HAMilton POLICE SERVICES BOARD

- RECOMMENDATION -

DATE: 2009 November 16

REPORT TO: Chairman and Members
Hamilton Police Services Board

FROM: Brian J. Mullan
Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Community Policing Partnerships (CPP) Program
Agreement with Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services for Additional Funding for Front-line Officers (PSB 98-069g)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

a) That the Board direct the Chair to execute the Community Policing Partnerships (CPP) Program Agreement between Her Majesty in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Police Services Board, in a form satisfactory to Legal Counsel to the Police Service; and

b) That the Board direct the Administrator for the Board to refer the Agreement, together with this Report, to the City of Hamilton, for execution of the Agreement by the City of Hamilton;

Brian J. Mullan
Chief of Police

FINANCIAL / STAFFING / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

FINANCIAL – n/a

STAFFING – n/a

LEGAL – The Community Policing Partnership Program, with the Province of Ontario, provides grant funding to increase front-line operational policing presence and full-time Community Policing Partnership (CPP) activities for 29 police officers. The proposed Agreement reflects previous Agreements between the Board, the City and the Province. The salient terms of the Agreement are as follows:
1. The Agreement commences on April 1, 2009 and shall expire on March 31, 2010;

2. The Grant shall be used only to pay half the cost of salaries, overtime and payroll benefits to a maximum of $30,000.00, per officer, for officers hired under the CPP Program and engaged in fulltime CPP Activities. The Ministry’s share of overtime will not exceed $5,000.00 per officer;

3. The Municipality and the Board shall indemnify the Ministry from and against all costs incurred as a result of a claim or proceeding related to the Municipality’s or Board’s activities under the Program, unless caused by the negligence or wilful act of an officer, employee or agent of the Ministry;

4. The Ministry shall not be liable for any incidental, indirect, special or consequential damages, injury or any loss of profit of the Municipality or the Board arising out of or in any way related to the Program or the Agreement;

5. The Municipality and the Board shall ensure proper accounting records are kept in respect of the Program;

6. The Municipality and the Board shall maintain all materials and records associated with the Program for a period of seven (7) years following termination of the Agreement;

7. There must be strict compliance with the Grant Funding guidelines. Schedule “A” to the Agreement specifically states that the Grant shall be used “solely for the purposes of maintaining the increased complement of front-line, uniformed police officers and for no other purposes”. Moreover, the Grant shall not be used for purposes related to maintaining the existing complement of front-line police officers, as defined by the June 15, 1998 Benchmark, due to the assignment of front-line police officers to non-CPP Activities. The Program will continue to share the cost of increases to the actual total number of Sworn Officers above the June 15, 1998 figures submitted to Statistics Canada.
8. The Agreement contains extensive provisions allowing the Ministry to perform full or partial compliance audits.

BACKGROUND:

In 1998, the Province of Ontario established the Community Policing Partnerships (CPP) Program as part of the government’s commitment to make Ontario communities safer by enhancing police visibility and increasing front-line operational presence. This Agreement represents a continuation of the funding Program whereby the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services grants funding to the Municipality, up to a maximum of $30,000.00 per officer, for the purpose of maintaining the increased number of Sworn Officers of the Hamilton Police Service for enhanced police visibility.

According to Schedule “B” to the Agreement, the Hamilton Police Service is authorized to use the grant funding to engage in Community Policing Partnerships Activities for the following initiatives:

1. Highway Traffic Safety
   a) to improve traffic safety by enhancing public awareness of traffic laws through vehicle safety initiatives, through increased traffic enforcement, and by increasing police visibility on streets and highways City-wide; and
   b) to decrease the number of fatal accidents Region-wide.

2. Business District Foot Patrol
   a) to improve Police visibility; and
   b) to decrease the fear of crime in Business Districts across the City.

3. Air Support Unit
   a) to improve the apprehension capabilities of the Police Service by providing helicopter support during peak time periods.

BJM/M. Visentini

cc: Deputy Chief Kenneth Leendertse, Community Policing
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