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TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Police Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Police Facilities Business Case

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

At the July 29th, 2014 session of Regional Council, a motion was put forth and unanimously passed directing staff to recommend funding in the 15/16 Capital Budget to complete a feasibility study, business case and Class C costing for the Police Station Renewal and Fire Services Training Centre.

A report has been prepared for the Audit and Finance Committee and will be submitted to it once this matter is brought to the Board of Police Commissioners for their review.

BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION

The current central police headquarters station, the David P. MacKinnon Building, has several serious documented issues and is generally too small and outdated to effectively and efficiently serve as HRM police headquarters. Additionally, given these space constraints, a number of specialized police sections, such as the Criminal Investigative Division, the Strategic Technology Integration Unit and the Records and Courts Section have been forced to either lease office space outside of headquarters or work from other locations, resulting in work-flow inefficiencies. These inefficiencies and concerns are documents in the attached presentation to the Board.

The Consultant who will complete the feasibility study will determine the following background information: the current HRP/RCMP integrated police service delivery model in terms of distribution of functions; travel times and police response to calls; personnel and facilities; as well as service delivery standards. The Consultant will also summarize the major issues. These issues will include operational effectiveness of the current policing model, facility suitability and location, and the ability of the current infrastructure to meet current and projected police service delivery needs.

The result of this review will produce a business case for a new police facility or facilities within HRM. The study will determine the most operationally efficient, cost-effective configuration and location of police facilities to support the long-term delivery of policing service in HRM. It will consider the centralization

versus decentralization of facilities as well as the general location of said facilities. Comprehensive computer modelling will be expected to determine the most efficient locations and configurations.

NEXT STEPS

A request for Proposals *P15-190, Halifax Regional Police Facilities Replacement Business Case* was publicly advertised on the Nova Scotia Public Tenders website on January 21, 2016, and closed on March 1, 2016. A report to the Audit and Finance Committee will be submitted following the submission of this report and presentation to the Board.

ATTACHMENTS

The PowerPoint presentation referred to above is attached to the present report.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.php> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210, or Fax 902.490.4208.

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