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**Item No. 3 (i)**  
**Committee of the Whole**  
**April 28, 2015**

**TO:** Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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**SUBMITTED BY:** Commissioner Linda Mosher, Chair, Board of Police Commissioners

**DATE:** April 10, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Halifax Regional Police 2015-2016 Budget and Business Plan

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**ORIGIN**

- January 12, 2015 meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners, Item No 5.1
- January 28, 2015 Committee of the Whole Presentation, Item No. 3
- February 9, 2015 meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners, Item No. 7.1.6

**LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

Board of Police Commissioners Terms of Reference, By-Law P-100 Respecting the Board of Police Commissioners for the Halifax Regional Municipality, section 8, (2)(e) which states: The Board in accordance with the Police Act and HRM Bylaws may carry out any of the following roles and responsibilities: prepare and submit in consultation with the Chief of Police and the Chief Administrative Officer or delegate, to Council an annual budget for the municipal police service. The municipal council shall only exercise global budget approval and shall only accept the police service budget submitted to it by the board or refer back to the board with instructions that it be altered upward or downward by a specific dollar amount or percentage

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the Board of Police Commissioners that Halifax Regional Council approve the 2015-16 Halifax Regional Police Budget and Business Plan of \$77,082, 800.00.

## **BACKGROUND**

At the January 12, 2015 meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners, the Chief and Halifax Regional Police Staff presented the Proposed 2015-2016 Halifax Regional Police Operating Budget which was approved by the Board.

On January 28, 2015 the proposed 2015-16 HRP Budget and Business Plan was presented by the Chief of Police and the Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners to Council at a Committee of the Whole session. An amended motion was approved by Committee of the Whole directing staff to remove the reference to the budget transfer in the amount of \$532,000 for the Youth Advocate Program to HRM administration, as previously presented to the Board of Police Commissioners, and increase the proposed 15/16 Halifax Regional Police Budget by the same amount, due to a requirement in the HRM Charter to maintain crime prevention spending within the Police Budget.

## **DISCUSSION**

On February 9, 2015 the revised 2015-16 Budget and Business Plan was before the Board of Police Commissioners for further discussion, at which time the Board approved the budget as revised for recommendation to Regional Council for approval.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Financial Implications are outlined in the Proposed 2015/16 Halifax Regional Police Budget and Business Plan.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

All meetings of the Board of Police Commissioners are open to the public. The agenda and reports are posted online in advance of the meeting.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

Not applicable.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

The Board of Police Commissioners did not discuss alternatives.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

None.

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