CITY OF RICHMOND

REPORT TO COMMITTEE

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TO:

Community Safety Committee

FROM:

Chuck Gale, P. Eng.

General Manager, Community Safety

RE:

Principal Policing Contact for the City of Richmond

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the General Manager, Community Safety Division, be named as the Principal Policing Contact for the City of Richmond.

Chuck Gale, P. Eng.

General Manager, Community Safety

STAFF REPORT

ORIGIN

One of the recommendations of the Lower Mainland (British Columbia) Policing Study Interim Report (November 10, 2000) is that, in order to satisfy both the contractual requirements specified in the Municipal Policing Agreement, and municipalities' needs, each municipality designate a Principal Policing Contact to work with the Commander of E Division with regards to RCMP policing issues.

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ANALYSIS

The RCMP will be entering into a Letter of Understanding with the City, which will redefine in part the agreement between the City and the RCMP with respect to the provision of policing services. The Principal Policing Contact will also be the person responsible for administering the Letter of Understanding, and for being the prime contact with the RCMP on policing matters.

The CAO will continue to exert significant influence on the BC Policing Study process through his position as Chair of the Staff Working Group to the Mayors' Consultative Forum. He will also maintain continuing involvement in policing matters having a direct influence on the City of Richmond.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

CONCLUSION

Adoption of the recommendation to appoint a Principal Policing Contact will allow municipal service delivery expectations and priorities to be defined, and ensure that services are delivered in a satisfactory manner – thus providing clear and direct lines of communication between the City and the RCMP.

Currently the CAO has been acting as the policing contact; this responsibility would transfer to the General Manager of the Community Safety Division.

Chuck Gale, P. Eng.

General Manager, Community Safety

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