



To: General Purposes Committee

Date: September 13, 2011

From: Phyllis L. Carlyle
General Manager

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Re: RCMP Contract Management Committee

Staff Recommendation

That an elected official or staff be appointed as a representative to the RCMP Contract Management Committee (as outlined in the report dated September 13th, 2011 from the Senior Manager, Community Safety Policy & Programs).

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Staff Report

Statutory Closed Meeting Criteria:

This report meets the following statutory closed meeting criteria:

90(2) (b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.

Recommendation on Disclosure

It is recommended that this recommendation be announced at an open Council meeting.

Origin

The Province and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities ("UBCM") have developed Terms of Reference (Attachment 1) for a RCMP Contract Management Committee ("the Committee"); the purpose of which is to provide a forum for consultation, analysis and communication between local government and the Province regarding the management of the Agreement under which the RCMP provide local police services in BC. This Committee will analyze and respond to changes that may be proposed from time to time by the Federal government and/or the RCMP and will recommend changes to the Federal government and/or the RCMP that may be considered necessary or appropriate.

The UBCM has invited expressions of interest be received from local government representatives, elected officials or staff who wish to be appointed as a member of this Committee.

Analysis

The Province and local governments that have RCMP services will establish a management committee to monitor the RCMP Agreement. The Committee will not have to wait until completion of the RCMP contract negotiations to begin operations, and will address issues and concerns related to the RCMP contract and the ongoing delivery of local government police services by the RCMP. It will also facilitate regular input/feedback between local governments and the Province and ensure local government input into the 5 year RCMP Contract review process.

During the process for establishing the Terms of Reference, Council, at a Council meeting June 13, 2011 made the following recommendations to the UBCM for consideration:

- 1. No changes to policing practices, equipment policies or procedures that impact future municipal costs, accountability or governance be introduced unless the committee approves of the changes after consultation with the cities with RCMP detachments.*

2. *The Committee employ a weighted voting system based on the size of the RCMP detachment and that they meet at least 4 times in a year.*
3. *Include specific terms for appointment to the Committee and that the Terms of Reference for the BC Local Government RCMP Contract Management Committee be amended under the heading " Membership " by replacing the first item under " Eight (8) Local Government representatives as follows " with " Four representatives from local government policed by the RCMP with a population over 15,000 (three being from the Lower Mainland RCMP District with two of those three being from the cities with the four largest RCMP Detachments and one being from another part of BC " ; and*
4. *If the Committee and the Solicitor General disagree regarding the implementation of change, that there be a dispute resolution process.*

In summary, the City of Richmond had asked for:

City of Richmond	Terms of Reference
a weighted vote based on the size of the RCMP Detachment	not included in the Terms of Reference
meet four times per year	a meeting twice a year, and by tele-conference as required
four representatives from local governments with over 15,000 population	five representatives from local governments policed by the RCMP with a population over 15,000 (three being from the Lower Mainland RCMP District, two from another part of BC)
dispute resolution process	not stated in Terms of Reference

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

An official request has been received from UBCM that, by October 7th, 2011 Richmond appoint and advise of a representative (elected officials or staff) who would be interested in being appointed as a member of the BC/Local Government RCMP Contract Management Committee (Attachment 2).



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**Terms of Reference
BC Local Government RCMP
Contract Management Committee**

Overview:

The Province and BC local governments are committed to working together toward the common goal of providing an efficient and effective RCMP police service in support of the administration of justice. In this context a Joint Provincial-Local Government RCMP Contract Management Committee is being established to:

- (i) Assist in ensuring the delivery of local police services in a cost effective manner by way of the RCMP through the length of the new RCMP Agreement;
- (ii) Ensure that the management of the RCMP Agreement represents a partnership between the Province and those BC local governments who rely on the RCMP for the delivery of local police services;
- (iii) Ensure opportunities for input by local government into decisions that impact on the costs and/or the delivery of local police services;
- (iv) Ensure opportunities for consultation and accountability to local governments by the RCMP in the delivery of police services;
- (v) Ensure that opportunities related to and/or shortcomings in the new RCMP Agreement that may be identified from time to time during the term of the Agreement are addressed in a timely manner;
- (vi) Ensure that the RCMP provides information and rationale to the Province and BC local governments with respect to changes in the delivery of police services by the RCMP; and,
- (vii) Ensure that there is an opportunity for local government input when changes to police practices, equipment, policies or procedures that may impact future municipal costs, accountability or governance are being considered.

Purpose:

The purpose of the Committee is to provide a forum for consultation, analysis and communication between Local Government and the Province regarding the management of the Agreement under which the RCMP provide local police services in BC and to analyze and respond to changes that may be proposed from time to time by the Federal government and/or the RCMP and recommend changes to the Federal government and/or the RCMP that may be considered necessary or appropriate.

Functions:

The Committee has two key functions:

- 1) Communication
 - Receive and disseminate information to local governments about issues that may impact the cost, quality, governance or capacity of the RCMP to deliver local police services;
 - Create and maintain a webpage on the UBCM website dedicated to communications regarding the RCMP Contract and policing issues of interest to local government;
 - Provide a forum for local government to identify issues and concerns in relation to the delivery of local police services by the RCMP for consideration by the Committee;

- Communicate to BC local governments and the Province positions that have been taken and decisions that have been made in the context of addressing opportunities and issues with respect to local police service delivery.

2) Research and Analysis

- Consider changes proposed by the Province, the Federal government and/or the RCMP in relation to any aspect of the delivery of local government police services;
- Consider proposed updates to the Municipal Companion Document;
- Collect and coordinate local government input into the RCMP Agreement five year review process; and
- Research and discuss issues and/or concerns of BC local governments related to the RCMP Agreement and the delivery of local police services by the RCMP; and
- Develop recommendations for and provide input to the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Contract Management Committee, the Province, the UBCM, FCM and BC local governments.

Membership:

The local government representatives as referenced below will be appointed by the UBCM:

- Nine (9) Local Government representatives as follows:
 - Five representatives from local governments policed by the RCMP with a population over 15,000 (three being from the Lower Mainland RCMP District - two of which will be appointed from Metro Vancouver - and two being from another part of BC);
 - Two representatives from a local governments policed by the RCMP with populations between 5,000 and 15,000;
 - One representative from a regional district policed by the RCMP; and
 - One representative from a local government with a population under 5,000;
- UBCM Executive representative; and
- The Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM), Policing and Security Programs Branch

One local government representative of the Committee will be appointed by the UBCM to sit as an Observer at the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Contract Management Committee meetings.

Appointments to the Committee may be elected officials or local government staff, however, the majority of the Committee must be elected officials. Local government appointments to the Committee will coincide with the terms of elected office and will take into account the need for some level of continuity of service on the Committee for the effective functioning of the Committee.

Representation on the Committee may be assessed by the Committee from time to time and modifications recommended to the Province and the UBCM as appropriate.

The Committee may decide to structure a sub-committee of UBCM, Provincial and local government staff that would research and develop reports to the Committee regarding issues and opportunities that are referred to the sub-committee by the Committee from time to time.

Committee Co-Chairs:

The Committee will be co-chaired by:

- ADM, Policing and Security Programs Branch; and
- The UBCM-appointed Observer to the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Contract Management Committee

Meeting Schedule:

The Local Government Contract Management Committee will meet in person a minimum of two times per year and by teleconference as required. Meetings will be convened at the call of the Co-chairs.

Local Government representatives of the Committee may choose to caucus without the Province.

Representatives of the RCMP will be invited to attend Committee meetings as required, and/or Committee representatives will schedule meetings with the appropriate RCMP managers to discuss issues raised by the Committee and report back to the Committee.

Reporting Relationship:

The Committee will report to the Deputy Solicitor General, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General and to the UBCM Executive.



MEMBER RELEASE

September 8, 2011

TO: Mayor & Council | Chair & Board | Senior Staff
FROM: UBCM Secretariat
RE: **British Columbia: RCMP Contract Management Committee**

1. Purpose

This communication is being forwarded to invite expressions of interest from local government representatives, elected officials and/or staff, who wish to be appointed as a member of the British Columbia/Local Government RCMP Contract Management Committee. If a member of your Council/Board and/or staff wants to be considered for this appointment we would ask that you submit the following information – name, title and local government – to the UBCM by Friday, **October 7, 2011**.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide a forum for consultation, analysis and communication between Local Government and the Province regarding the management of the Agreement under which the RCMP provide local police services in BC and to analyze and respond to changes that may be proposed from time to time by the Federal government and/or the RCMP and recommend changes to the Federal government and/or the RCMP that may be considered necessary or appropriate.

2. British Columbia - RCMP Contract Management Committee

In British Columbia, the Province and local governments that have RCMP services will establish a management committee to monitor the RCMP agreement. This committee will not have to wait until the completion of the RCMP contract negotiations to begin operations, as it is not part of the Master Agreement. UBCM is working with the Province to establish this management committee as soon as possible.

The Provincial/Local Government committee, similar to its federal counterpart, will address issues and concerns related to the RCMP contract and the on-going delivery of local government police services by the RCMP. The committee will facilitate regular input/feedback between local governments and the Province, and ensure local government input into the 5 year RCMP Contract review process.

UBCM has received local government input on the Terms of Reference for the establishment of a British Columbia/Local Government RCMP Contract Management Committee and the UBCM Executive has approved the Terms of Reference and the creation of a joint committee with the Province. A copy of the Terms of Reference is available on the UBCM website: www.ubcm.ca

3. RCMP Contract Management Committee: Membership

The local government representatives to the RCMP Contract Management Committee will come from communities policed by the RCMP and will be appointed by the UBCM. The RCMP Management Committee will have a total of ten local government representatives, this includes a UBCM Executive member.

Appointments to the Committee may be elected officials or local government staff, however, the majority of the Committee must be elected officials. Local government appointments to the Committee will coincide with the terms of elected office and will take into account the need for some level of continuity of service on the Committee for the effective functioning of the Committee. The appointments to the Committee will be made until the local government elections in 2014.

UBCM would point out that there may be a significant time commitment on the part of Committee members, in the early stages, to ensure that everyone understands the RCMP contract and is aware of the issues that the RCMP Contract Management Committee will need to consider.

4. UBCM Appointments to RCMP Contract Management Committee

UBCM is looking for representatives from the following areas to appoint to the Committee:

- 3 representatives (elected officials or staff) from a local government with a population over 15,000 in the Lower Mainland RCMP District (two of which must be from the Metro Vancouver Area);
- 2 representatives (elected officials or staff) from a local government with a population over 15,000 outside of the Lower Mainland RCMP District;
- 2 representatives (elected officials or staff) from a local government with a population between 5,000 and 15,000;
- 1 representative (elected official or staff) from a regional district policed by the RCMP;
- 1 representative (elected official or staff) from a local government with a population under 5,000.

UBCM Contact

Please forward the name of the local government representatives (elected officials and/or staff) interested in being appointed as a member of the British Columbia/Local Government RCMP Contract Management Committee to UBCM by Friday, October 7, 2011 to Ken Vance, Senior Policy Advisor, Email: kvance@ubcm.ca; Tel: 604-270-8226 ext. 114.

If your local government has any questions regarding the communication please contact Ken Vance, Senior Policy Advisor Email: kvance@ubcm.ca; Tel: 604-270-8226 ext. 114.