

Overview of Policing Services



Housekeeping Rules

- ✓ Respectful and safe environment
- ✓ Constructive input
- ✓ Opportunity for everyone to participate
- ✓ Looking for responses to the specific questions
- ✓ Focus on the purpose of this evening – not a time to report issues or criticize any policing service provider
- ✓ All questions or comments are to be directed to the Facilitator
- ✓ Committee and Council will consider all information

Welcome

- ✓ Introductions
- ✓ Brief Review:
 - Why are we here?
 - How did we get here?
 - Provincial Police Service Agreement (PPSA)
- ✓ Current Service: RCMP in Cumberland District
- ✓ Current Service: Policing in Oxford
- ✓ Community Engagement Process
- ✓ Community Questions
- ✓ Next Steps

Brief Review

Policing services are provided through a county-wide, regional deployment model

All members are deployed based on the urgency of calls regardless of geographic boundaries.

Fall 2018: Cumberland County and Oxford participated in a police service delivery model review completed by the RCMP and Department of Justice

Brief Review (cont'd)

Report provided March 2019

Several options presented to reduce costs, all included reduced RCMP members

Oxford agreed to go further with a policing services review to consider alternate service providers

Process for the review is outlined by the Department of Justice

Brief Review (cont'd)

Committee formed, includes representatives from Town Council, Oxford Police Advisory Board, the public, and Department of Justice

Committee to recommend, and Council to determine, the required service levels for policing

Council may choose to ask for service proposals from any registered police providers (as soon as January 2020)

Council will make a decision on successful proposal based on service levels identified through the current process

Minister of Justice has final decision on any police provider or change in service levels.

Provincial Police Service Agreement (PPSA)

PPSA – between the government of Canada and the province of Nova Scotia / 20-year term (2012 to 2032)

Provincial Minister of Justice sets the objectives, priorities and goals of the Provincial Police Service / RCMP is under contract to provide policing services for the province

Cost of policing is 70/30 cost share ratio (Municipality pays 70% of the policing cost and 30% is paid by the federal government)

The cost of municipal policing is the responsibility of each municipality

Current Service: RCMP in Cumberland District

The Mun. of the County of Cumberland and the Town of Oxford receive their policing services through the PPSA and are billed for the number of Regular Members providing policing service to their communities

31 Regular Members in Cumberland District – Cumberland pays for 28 RM's and the Town of Oxford pays for 3 RMs (also 3 RMs in the Street Crime Enforcement Unit / Additional Officer Program)

Coverage varies from 18-19 hours; 24 hours on-call coverage

Cost per RM includes salary, pension, shared services, accommodations, overhead, overtime, vehicles/fuel, equipment, and all operating and maintenance costs

Specialized Services

Forensic Identification Services

Police Service Dog

Technological Crime Unit

Polygraph

Major Crime Unit

Traffic Services

Drug Recognition Expert

Criminal Analytical Services

Underwater recovery Team

Emergency response Team

Special “I” and “O”

Clandestine lab Team

Tactical Troop

Human Trafficking Unit

Explosive Disposal Unit

Remotely Piloted Aircraft

RCMP Community Programs

(* offered in Oxford)

School Safety Resource Officer *

Bicycle Rodeos *

Senior Safety Coordinator / Domestic Violence Coordinator (regional)

Restorative Justice (regional)

Community Presentations: Drug Awareness/Abuse, Anti-bullying, Identity Theft/Fraud, Senior Safety *

Kids Print ID Kits

Red Serge appearance at festivals and special events *

Tim Horton's Camp Day / MacDonald's' Kids Day (regional)

Stuff the Cruiser – Food Bank Drive (regional)

Service Level Requirements

What services are important to you in our community?

Current Service: Policing in Oxford

RCMP is the historic policing model in Oxford for the last 36+ Years

Concerns raised around policing level of service within Oxford, ie. visibility, traffic enforcement, community policing relationships versus the cost of the current service

Oxford's annual operating budget: @ \$2.5 Million

- RCMP Contract: \$503,000 = 20% of Town budget

Per Capita Cost Comparisons (2018/19)

- Oxford: \$423/person (pop. 1,190)
- Stewiacke: \$115/person (pop. 1,373)
- Mahone Bay: \$304/person (pop. 1,036)
- Cumberland: \$244/person (pop. 18,197)

Community Engagement Process

1. Do you have any concerns with law enforcement in Oxford during day-time hours?
2. Do you have any concerns about law enforcement in Oxford during night-time hours?
3. Name your top three (3) policing concerns in our community?
4. What policing service or program would you like to have in Oxford that you don't experience now?
5. What are the things you like best about living in Oxford?

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Next Steps

- Everyone is encouraged to provide written responses to the questions for collection before you leave this evening
- Police Services Review Committee meeting December 3rd to develop the list of service levels based on feedback and legislated requirements.
- Report to Council in January 2020 where the final decision will be made as to how and when to issue a Request for Proposals from police service providers
- Must follow the Provincial Procurement rules and regulations
- Any decision by the Town must be approved by the Provincial Minister of Justice

Conclusion

Thank you for attending this evening!