



AGENDA ITEM

Police Costing Test Model Survey

October 10, 2019

BACKGROUND

In September 2019, the Government of Alberta began consultation on a test police costing model with 291 municipalities who currently receive frontline policing from the RCMP through the Provincial Police Services Agreement. The purpose of the model is to develop a process through which the Province recovers a share of frontline pricing cost from municipalities.

The proposed formula would allow the Province to recover between 15% (\$34.9 million) and 70% (\$162.8 million) of policing costs. It would require each municipality to contribute using a formula based on 70% equalized assessment and 30% population with modifiers for shadow populations or higher than average crime severity indexes.

ANALYSIS

The Province has requested that municipalities respond to a Police Costing Test Model Survey to be completed by October 15, 2019.

Council was presented with the survey at the October 1, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting. Council reviewed and completed the survey at that meeting. As such, Council made the following recommendation:

That the Police Costing Test Model Survey as completed at the Committee of the Whole meeting be presented at the October 10, 2019 Council meeting for endorsement by Council; and further, a copy of the completed survey will be sent to the Solicitor General/Minister of Justice; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and local MLA's.

A copy of the completed survey is attached.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Council endorse and forward the completed Police Costing Test Model Survey.
2. Other action as determined by Council.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications in completing the survey, however, if the Police Costing Model is implemented there will be budget implications in the future.



LEGISLATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1. Section 3 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA) states the purposes of a municipality are: 1) to provide good government, 2) to provide services, facilities or other things that, in the opinion of Council, are necessary or desirable for all or part of the municipality, and 3) to develop and maintain safe and viable communities.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lacombe County sees the value in engaging and informing the public/stakeholders through a variety of mediums as outlined in the *Policy AD(40): Public Participation Policy*. The appropriate level of engagement for each public participation opportunity is selected on a project-to-project basis. For this item, the following engagement will take place:

- *Inform*: To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions

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STRATEGIC PLAN

Our Vision: “An attractive, balanced and progressive community”.

Our Mission: “Building a safe and vibrant community through leadership, innovation and the development of healthy relationships”.

Key Principles: 1) “Transparent in our decisions and for our actions”.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the Police Costing Test Model Survey as completed by Council at the Committee of the Whole meeting; and further, that a copy of the completed survey be sent to the Solicitor General/Minister of Justice; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and local MLA’s.

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