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Item No.
Halifax Regional Council
January 16, 2018

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council
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SUBMITTED BY: _____
Commissioner Steve Craig, Chair, Board of Police Commissioners

DATE: December 18, 2017

SUBJECT: **CeaseFire Halifax Funding Proposal**

ORIGIN

Motion from the December 18, 2017 meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

HRM By-law No. P-100 Respecting the Board of Police Commissioners for the Halifax Regional Municipality:

- S. 8 (2)** The Board in accordance with the *Police Act* and HRM Bylaws may carry out any of the following roles and responsibilities:
- (b) provide civilian governance on behalf of the Council in relation to enforcement of the law, the maintenance of law and order and the prevention of crime within the municipality;
 - (c) In consultation with the Chief of Police, review priorities, goals and objectives of the municipal police service;
 - (e) 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;

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RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Police Commissioners recommends that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Request a staff report to examine the potential for continued funding for the CeaseFire Halifax program, the assessment of which should be in keeping with the principles outlined in the Public Safety Strategy.
2. Direct, with the agreement of the CAO, that the staff report be prepared by the Municipality's Public Safety Advisor.
3. Require that the staff report come back to Halifax Regional Council for consideration prior to the final HRM budget for 2018/2019.

BACKGROUND

During the December 18, 2017 meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners, the Board heard a presentation from Mel Lucas, Program Manager for CeaseFire Halifax, and Marcel Tellier of the Community Justice Society, in which the presenters requested that the Municipality consider co-funding the continuation of the CeaseFire Halifax program starting in 2018.

For further background information on this matter, please refer to the "Extract from the Draft Minutes of the December 18, 2017 Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners" (**Attachment 1**), as well as the CeaseFire presentation titled "Sustainability Plan to Reduce Violence in Halifax" (**Attachment 2**).

DISCUSSION

Immediately following the CeaseFire presentation, the Board of Police Commissioners asked further questions and discussed the funding request. This discussion resulted in a motion to forward the recommendation contained herein to Halifax Regional Council.

RISK CONSIDERATION

There are no significant risks associated with the recommendations in this Report. The risks considered rate Low.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report. The requested staff report, if approved by Council, will outline financial implications.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

All meetings of the Board of Police Commissioners are open to the public. The agenda and reports are posted to Halifax.ca in advance of the meeting and minutes are available on the web once approved.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

None identified.

ALTERNATIVES

None identified by the Board of Police Commissioners.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Extract from the Draft Minutes of the December 18, 2017 Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners.

Attachment 2: CeaseFire presentation titled "Sustainability Plan to Reduce Violence in Halifax," dated December 18, 2017.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.php> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210, or Fax 902.490.4208.

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