



COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

Date: November 28, 2023

From: Trevor Seibel, Deputy CAO

Subject: **West Kelowna RCMP – Strategic Plan**

Report Prepared by: Trevor Seibel, Deputy CAO

RECOMMENDATION to Consider and Resolve:

THAT Council receive for information the report titled “West Kelowna RCMP – Strategic Plan, dated November 28, 2023 from the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Foster Safety and Well-Being – We will pursue through direct action, advocacy, and collaboration with local and regional service providers, investments in community health, needs-based housing, emergency preparedness, policing, and other services that foster safety and well-being in West Kelowna.

BACKGROUND

Foster Safety and Well-being is a strategic priority of Council. Over the past couple of years, a significant investment in time has been made focusing on improved police services.

Council identified Police Services Priorities for 2021, 2022 and 2023 upon which West Kelowna RCMP worked to deliver together with city staff, volunteers and other participatory organizations that support police services.

Continued advocacy for increased police members at the provincial level remains ongoing through joint efforts led by the City with support from our regional RCMP leadership team. Further, a West Kelowna Police Services Strategic Plan has been developed with the understanding of the policing priorities in Southeast District of “E” Division, the Kelowna Regional Detachment and Westbank First Nation yet is specific to address the needs in West Kelowna.

The enclosed “West Kelowna RCMP Five Year Strategic Plan” (Attachment “1”) is a culmination of the work and discussions to date. It is a draft in progress and a living

document that will be reviewed annually as Council considers the resourcing requests needed to support our Police Services.

DISCUSSION

Council's *2022 – 2026 Strategic Priorities* include increased police services, as well as additional resources required to serve the West Kelowna community.

To support this pillar of Council's *2022 – 2026 Strategic Priorities*, the West Kelowna RCMP Five Year Strategic Plan identifies the following four priority areas:

- **Reinforce Road Safety**
- **Reduce and Prevent Property Crime**
- **Abate Violent Crime**
- **Enhance Police/Community Relations**

Details about each of the priority areas are noted in Attachment 1.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The 2024 Budget deliberations will commence in the coming weeks and any requirements beyond the City's 2024 Budget will be identified based on further contract and service level reviews in future years.

REVIEWED BY

Corinne Boback, Legislative Services Manager / Corporate Officer

APPROVED FOR THE AGENDA BY

Trevor Seibel, Deputy CAO

Powerpoint: Yes No

Attachments:

Attachment "1" – West Kelowna RCMP Five Year Strategic Plan 2024-2028