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Meeting..... 2019 Feb 25

COUNCIL REPORT

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**TO:** CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2019 Feb 20

**FROM:** DIRECTOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
COMMUNITY SERVICES

OFFICER IN CHARGE  
RCMP BURNABY DETACHMENT

**SUBJECT: INCREASING BURNABY RCMP RESOURCES**

**PURPOSE:** To obtain Council approval to increase the number of police officers at the Burnaby RCMP Detachment.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT** Council approve the addition of six police officers to the Burnaby RCMP in 2019 as outlined in this report.

**REPORT**

**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The RCMP became Burnaby's police force in 1950 and has continued to evolve and expand over the years to become the second largest detachment in the RCMP. The Burnaby detachment currently provides policing services with a resource level of 315.5 police officers, 24.5 of whom are assigned to specialized Integrated Teams such as Police Dog Service, Integrated Homicide Investigative Team and the Emergency Response Team. In addition, 95 municipal employees are assigned to the detachment to provide administrative support services to the police operations.

The need for six additional police officers has been identified to enhance the safety and well-being of our community.

**2.0 POLICY SECTION**

Increasing the number of police officers at the Burnaby RCMP is aligned with the City of Burnaby's Corporate Strategic Plan by supporting the following goals and sub-goals of the plan:

- A Safe Community
  - Crime prevention and reduction

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- Emergency preparedness
- Emergency services
- Transportation safety
- Community amenity safety

### **3.0 BACKGROUND**

As a result of a review undertaken in early 2018 by the Officer in Charge and the Director of Public Safety & Community Services, adjustments to the Detachment resource allocation plan was made to improve service delivery. A need was also identified for an additional 14 police officers to be assigned to General Duty, Bike Patrol Team and other operational requirements. Council subsequently approved the additional 14 resources increasing the number of police officers at the Detachment from 301.5 to 315.5.

Subsequent to this recent increase, a further need has been identified to enhance the Burnaby RCMP School Liaison program, Bike Patrol Team and other operational requirements.

The increase of six police officers will be distributed as follows:

#### **3.1 Enhancement of School Liaison Program**

An appropriate police presence in schools is vital to the creation of a positive relationship between youth and police in a safe and non-threatening environment. In particular, youth at risk benefit greatly from an established law enforcement relationship which prevents them from participating in non-lawful activities including participation in gangs.

The Burnaby RCMP School Liaison program provides a positive, visible police presence in Burnaby Schools and the surrounding neighborhood. Designated School Liaison officers work collaboratively and proactively with members of the schools community in dealing with police related issues.

Four resources will be used to enhance the existing School Liaison Program to ensure fulsome presence at schools throughout Burnaby.

#### **3.2 Enhancement of Bike Patrol Team**

The Burnaby RCMP recently re-established a Bike Patrol Team utilizing uniformed police officers as a way to actively engage the community and reduce crime. The Bike Patrol Team undertakes numerous proactive activities such as conducting high visibility patrols, responding to calls for service, enhancing public safety in parks and green-belts as well as providing support and conducting enforcement at community and special events.


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Two resources will be used to enhance the Bike Patrol Team to facilitate deployment as noted above.

**4.0 RECOMMENDATION**

Council approve the addition of six police officers to the Burnaby RCMP in 2019 as outlined in this report.

  
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