

CITY OF MOOSE JAW

TO: MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mayor Higgins	Councillor Mitchell
Councillor Boyle, Chairperson	Councillor Swanson
Councillor Eby	Councillor Kirkpatrick
Councillor Luhnig	

Please be advised that Chairperson, Councillor Boyle, has called an **Executive Committee meeting** on **Monday, June 27, 2016** following the regular meeting of City Council, in the Scoop Lewry Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall, in order to deal with the following:

AGENDA

1. Report dated May 16, 2016 from the Engineering Department, **re: Automated Speed Enforcement – Request for Monies**.
2. Report dated June 21, 2016 from the Parks and Recreation Department, **re: Confidential Matter**.

***The Next Standing Committee Meeting is Scheduled for
Monday, July 11, 2016 (Provided there are items to consider)***

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DATE: May 16, 2016
TO: Executive Committee
FROM: Engineering Department
SUBJECT: Automated Speed Enforcement – Request for Monies

PURPOSE:

To request from City Council authority to access funds provided through the Automated Speed Enforcement Program for the purposes of traffic safety enforcement and education.

BACKGROUND:

On May 10, 2016, the Moose Jaw Police Board passed the following resolution:

“THAT the Police Board forward a request to City Council (or Executive Committee) to have \$90,000 transferred from the automated speed enforcement revenues in order to keep the traffic safety initiatives functioning.”

SGI has in past years funded MJPS for traffic safety initiatives, including the Christmas time highway spot check programs. In January 2016, SGI informed MJPS that they would not be forwarding those funds in 2016.

The Automated Speed Enforcement revenues received by the City are for the purposes of Education, Enforcement and Engineering related to traffic safety initiatives. Impaired driving enforcement and intersection safety programs fall under the Education and Enforcement pillars of the funds intent.

DISCUSSION:

Each year the MJPS has budgeted around \$50,000 for impaired driving enforcement and \$40,000 for intersection safety initiatives. These funds have typically been provided by SGI to allow additional resources to be scheduled in addition to the regular on-duty officers for these programs.

Annually, members of the MJPS have arrested and charged about 30 impaired drivers, as well as identified and issued 400 traffic violations. There have also been numerous warrant arrests, license suspensions, drug charges, vehicle seizures and criminal code charges. All of the above can be directly attributed to additional officers and enforcement programs as a result of the formerly available funding.

The three pillars of traffic safety are education, enforcement and engineering. All three pillars are required to ensure good traffic safety on roadways. Engineering is provided by the technical staff within City Hall, Enforcement is provided by the MJPS and Education is provided by both parties.

Education can come in many forms, literature, radio/social media messages and through the presence of officers on the street. The mere presence or a strongly worded caution from a traffic enforcement officer can provide a powerful educational lesson to an errant motorist.

ATTACHMENTS:

May 10, 2016 report to MJPS Board of Commissioners

SUMMARY:

A request has been received from the MJPS for \$90,000 to be allocated from the Automated Speed Enforcement funds to traffic safety initiatives which will enhance the education and enforcement components of traffic safety.

CONSULTATION:

MJPS
Financial Services

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the request for \$90,000
2. Deny the request for \$90,000
3. Assign a different amount of funding

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

This request will allocate \$90,000 of the \$436,087 revenues received from the Automated Speed, Enforcement Program to the Moose Jaw Police Service. (\$1,026,237 received, \$590,150 paid out for the program in 2015)

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT funds in the amount of \$90,000 be transferred to the MJPS to allow for a continued traffic safety education and enforcement program.

Respectfully Submitted



Mark Sture, A.Sc.T.
Transit Manager



Josh Mickleborough, P. Eng
Director of Engineering

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:



City Manager

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:



Mayor



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May 12, 2016

Police Chief Rick Bourassa
City of Moose Jaw

Dear Chief Bourassa:

Re: Saskatchewan Government Insurance Funding

Please be advised that the Board of Police Commissioners, at a regular meeting held on May 10, 2016, considered your report dated May 10, 2016 respecting the above noted matter and adopted the following motion:

"THAT the Police Board forward a request to City Council (or Executive Committee) to have \$90,000 transferred from the automated speed enforcement revenues in order to keep the traffic safety initiatives functioning."

I am providing Mr. Mark Sture, Transit and Fleet Manager, with a copy of this letter and report in order that he may prepare a report to either City Council or Executive Committee.

If you have any questions with respect to this matter, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mayer Deb Higgins, Chair
Moose Jaw Board of Police Commissioners
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c: Matt Noble, City Manager (report attached)
Myron Gulka-Tiechko, City Clerk/Solicitor (report attached)
Brian Acker, Director of Financial Services (report attached)
Mark Sture, Transit and Fleet Manager (report attached)



REPORT TO BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

READ AT

REGULAR MEETING

OF

THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
SASKATCHEWAN POLICE COMMISSION

6.

DATE: 10 May 2016

ITEM: Saskatchewan Government Insurance Funding

DATE: May 10/16

ISSUE:

SGI has previously provided funding to Moose Jaw Police Service to address impaired driving and traffic violation enforcement. This resulted in several impaired drivers being taken off the streets and a large amount of traffic enforcement. With the implementation of Automated Speed Enforcement (photo radar) to Moose Jaw, the funding from SGI was withdrawn.

BACKGROUND:

For many years, Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI) has provided funding to police agencies to focus on impaired driving reduction and intersection safety.

The Moose Jaw Police Service has received \$90,000 annually from SGI for these two programs: \$50,000 for impaired driving enforcement; \$40,000 for intersection safety programs. This funding was used to bring members in on special duty to provide enforcement in addition to that provided by regular shift members. These programs have resulted in enforcement that would not have been obtained without this additional funding.

Annually, members of the police service arrested and charged about 30 impaired drivers as a result of the extra enforcement. Also, about 400 traffic violations were issued annually through this initiative. There were also numerous warrant arrests, license suspensions, drug charges, vehicle seizures and several criminal code charges as a result of the extra enforcement.

This funding has also been used to conduct the stop checks throughout the Christmas season.

The \$90,000 funding was expected and incorporated into the Service's 2016 Operating Budget.

DISCUSSION:

In January, SGI notified the Moose Jaw Police Service this funding will not be provided in 2016. The rationale provided for this decision is that SGI has incurred costs associated with Automated Speed Enforcement in Moose Jaw and could not justify this additional \$90,000 expenditure. It was suggested that fine revenues from the Automated Speed Enforcement be used for traffic safety initiatives, whether it be through enforcement, education or engineering. In order to keep these traffic safety initiatives functioning, the police service is requesting \$90,000 from the Automated Speed Enforcement Revenues that the City is currently receiving.

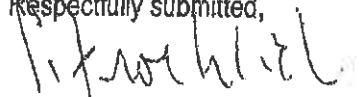
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There would be no financial implications to the police service as the funding would come from the Automated Speed Enforcement Revenues.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board forward this request to City Council for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



Cliff Froehlich
Deputy Chief of Police

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