

MINUTES
COUNCIL POLICE COSTING REVIEW COMMITTEE
November 30, 2007
4:00 p.m.
KENORA COUNCIL CHAMBERS

In Attendance:

Dave McCann, Chair	Wendy Cuthbert, Councillor
Chris Van Wallegghem, Councillor	Charito Drinkwalter, Councillor
Dan Jorgensen, Chief, KPS	Rory McMillan, Councillor
Reg Clayton, Miner and News	Councillor Rory McMillan
Tim Davidson, 89.5 Mix FM	Heather Kasprick, Deputy Clerk
Rod Case, OPP	Andrew Poirier, Councillor
Paul Van Bellenghem, OPP	Bill Preisenzanz, CAO
Mayor Len Compton	Don Denver, OPP

1.0 Call Meeting to order

Chairman McCann called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

2.0 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by C. Drinkwalter, Seconded by C. Van Wallegghem, to accept the Minutes from the Regular Council Police Costing Review Committee meeting held November 15, 2007 as circulated. Carried.

3.0 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

- None declared.

6.0 Deputations

6.1 Rod Case, Staff Sergeant, OPP

Mr. Case explained the OPP format of the packages presented. He presented nine complete packages which includes the following: the first tab is the request for proposal itself; the second tab is the organizational chart; the third tab contains the standard costing proposal, service levels and financial statements and business plans. The OPP municipal policing framework, speaks to services provided by the OPP. With respect to facilities, they have prepared four possible options for the committee to consider. The RFP was less than clear with respect to any clear direction concerning a facility within the downtown area, and the extent to which that facility be utilized. The OPP have two facilities within the City, both being owned by the Ontario Realty Corporation. Due to the six week deadline for the response to the RFP, we are not in a position to provide accurate construction costs to any of the facilities. An in depth analysis of the facilities involving ORC and consultants will be required to provide that information.

Further, on August 28th, 2007, Mr. Case appeared before this committee to explain the OPP costing process and provided a copy of a Request for Information that was to be delivered to the Police Services Board. That document was delivered to the Board on August 28th. To date, neither he, nor the OPP have

received a response to the request. He clarified that due to this request not being received, he was only able to refer to total calls for service.

6.2 Dan Jorgensen, Chief, Kenora Police Service

Chief Jorgensen presented his proposals to the committee. He indicated that compiling the proposal has been a huge undertaking and he is proud to say they made the deadline with several hours to spare. Chief Jorgensen acknowledged the assistance that he has received from the KPS consultant, Moe Hodgson, and the members of the police service who have spent many hours responding to his and the consultant's requests for information.

Chief Jorgensen stated that with the proposal completed and the December 18th presentation ahead there is still much to do, but he is eager to get on with the rest of the process and move on to the work of expanding the Kenora Police Service and fulfilling the board's vision of a city where the police and community work together with single minded purpose to reduce crime and disorder.

He believes the most effective way to control policing costs is to reduce the crime and disorder that demand a large police presence. Kenora will never accomplish that until it allocates all of its policing resources to one police service, with one vision, one mission and a coordinated, strategic response to crime and disorder. Kenora Police Service is poised on the brink of achieving that. The Kenora Police Services Board has a business plan that promises to achieve control over rising policing costs by implementing strategies that are proven to reduce crime rates. They also have a Chief of Police who is completely dedicated to achieving the goals of that business plan and a police service whose members have proven that they can carry a workload that would make many others weep. All that KPS needs is the resources and opportunity. Council holds the power to recognize decades of loyal and dedicated service by giving KPS that opportunity.

Of course KPS does not just expect to be handed the keys to the city. They are prepared to work for them. Chief Jorgensen stated that the committee is going to find that their proposal is very competitive, and he urged Council to please read it carefully and if they have any questions about it call him directly, day or night, at the office or at home.

In closing, Chief Jorgensen hoped that Council finds their proposal helpful as they prepare to make what will be one of the most important political decisions that Council will ever face and he looks forward to making his presentation before Council on December 18th. Chief Jorgensen thanked the committee for their time.

Mr. Jorgensen left a copy of his deputation with the Clerk for the record.

5.0 Items for Discussions

5.1 Acceptance of RFP's

The committee officially received both RFP's from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) as well as the Kenora Police Service (KPS) in both electronic and hard copy.

5.2 Evaluation rating system for RFP's

Bill presented a report to Council on the rating system for the proposals that were submitted.

He reviewed that Council must now decide how the evaluation of the proposals should be carried out. In accordance with the terms of reference as approved by Council (Bylaw No. 92-2007), it is the role of the CPRC Committee to direct and control the process of undertaking a police costing review for the City of Kenora. The scope of the review states:

“The Committee is to make a recommendation to the Municipal Council of the City of Kenora as to whether the City should maintain the existing hybrid policing model or opt to be policed by a single police service provider, either by contract from the OPP or by expanding the services of the City of Kenora Municipal Police Service.”

In accordance with the Agreement ratified with the City's consultant, Mr. Watkin's Policing Study Workplan outlines:

“The Consultant will receive the RFP submissions, analyze the responses and present through the Steering Committee to Council the recommended course of action for Council.”

Further clarification within the workplan indicates that Mr. Watkins will undertake a complete strength/weakness analysis of each of the 28 categories outlined in the RFP. A narrative report will then be forwarded to the CPRC Committee outlining the findings and analysis to validate the report.

Bill indicated that this would be an open, broad-based consultative process. Once we review and define how the RFP's will be rated, that the Committee needs to identify this to the public.

The Committee agreed to accept Bill's report.

6.0 Workplan Update – Consultant

There was no report requested from the consultant.

7.0 Other Business

None

8.0 Items for Discussion - In Camera

None

10.0 Next Meeting

The next regular Police Costing Review Committee meeting will be held on December 18th, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Best Western Lakeside Inn.

11.0 Adjournment

Moved by W. Cuthbert, Seconded C. Van Wallegem & Carried

THAT this meeting now be declared closed at 4:23 p.m.