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RECOMMENDATION

That the August 22, 2023, Edmonton Police Commission report EXT02009, be received for information.

Report Purpose

Information only.

Executive Summary

- Edmonton Police Commission retained Price Waterhouse Cooper LLP (PwC) to conduct an independent review of the police funding formula options produced by the Working Group comprised of representatives of City Administration, the Edmonton Police Commission and the Edmonton Police Service.
- PwC conducted a comprehensive assessment of all options with respect to requirements set out by Council in its 2022 motion to review the current funding formula.
- The consultant provided independent advice to the Edmonton Police Commission on the possible impacts to the Edmonton Police Service and their budget.
- Based on this information, the Edmonton Police Commission supports City Administration's recommendation in Financial and Corporate Services report FCS01542 to revise the Edmonton Police Service's Funding Formula Policy (C604B).

REPORT

On October 7, 2022, Edmonton City Council passed a series of motions. Firstly, approval was given for the use of funding formula for the Edmonton Police Service, with the full support of the

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Edmonton Police Commission. Secondly, a motion to have that funding formula apply to only 2023 was passed and included having City Administration work with the Edmonton Police Commission to assess a matrix of options for changes to that formula.

Through that lens the Edmonton Police Commission has reviewed Financial and Corporate Services report FCS01542 being submitted by City Administration at the August 22, 2023, City Council meeting, and fully support the recommended option they have put before Council for decision. To inform our knowledge on this complex topic the Edmonton Police Commission engaged an external consultant to conduct an independent review.

PwC was the consultant, and they provided an analysis for the consideration of Commissioners with respect to all the factors discussed at the October 2022 City Council meeting. An executive summary is attached to this document for information.

PwC provided information for Edmonton Police Commission consideration, but not recommendations. They operated independently from City Administration and the Edmonton Police Service, only leveraging data from the City and the Edmonton Police Service for information.

Based on information, the Edmonton Police Commission supports City Administration's recommendation in Financial and Corporate Services report FCS01542 to approve a revised Edmonton Police Service Funding Formula Policy (C604B) as set out in that council report's attachments. The Edmonton Police Commission further believes that any changes from the existing formula, beyond what is set out in the council report, would be unnecessarily complex, produce unintended outcomes, and may create pressures impacting public safety if resulting funding levels are less than what was sought in the 2022 budget.

ATTACHMENT

1. PwC Report – Funding Formula Options Analysis Summary (August 3, 2023)