

EPS Firearms Report

Recommendation

That the Edmonton Police Service enter into a purchasing agreement with Rampart International Corporation for the purchase of Glock pistols, with the term of the agreement to be for one year with four optional one year periods for an estimated total value of \$1.6 million over five years.

Executive Summary

In accordance with the City of Edmonton Bylaw 14040, the Edmonton Police Commission Contracting Policy, the Edmonton Police Service will report sole source purchases over \$250,000 to the Edmonton Police Commission. As per the City Administrative Bylaw #16620, sole-source agreements over \$500,000 CDN in value must be approved by the appropriate Committee of Council.

Report

Currently the EPS deploys with the Glock Model 22, .40 caliber pistols as its issued duty pistol and the Glock Model 27, .40 caliber sub-compact pistols for positions requiring a lower profile pistol. These pistols are past their life span and have been identified for lifecycle replacement.

As a result of improvements with 9mm ammunition ballistics, the bench marked standard for a police issued pistol is becoming the 9mm pistol. Advantages of the 9mm pistol include a lesser recoil than a .40 cal. pistol which allows for greater accuracy of any required follow-up rounds because the sight picture can be re-established faster. This also translates into greater training success amongst the diverse population of police officers, due to the strength required to manage the recoil of the 9mm versus the .40 cal. pistol. The new Generation 5 Glock 9mm pistol also allows for 3 different grip sizes which assists in the “fit” of the grip in the diverse hand sizes within the EPS membership. It is for reasons above that several other law enforcement agencies have similarly transitioned from .40 cal. to 9mm pistols. Based on this rationale the EPS will be moving from the Glock .40 calibre to 9mm

pistols.

Rampart International Corp. is the only authorized source for the purchase of the Glock Pistols within Canada. Rampart International Corp. has an exclusivity agreement with Glock to act as the sole authorized distributor for Glock Pistols in Canada.

It will be more efficient and effective to continue using Glock pistols even though we are changing from .40 calibre to 9mm, because the pistol functions are the same. This will lessen the amount of instructional time required to transition while keeping EPS members “function handling” and marksmanship at the same or better level of competence. By remaining with Glock we are able to use our current issued holster and magazine pouches, which will lessen the cost of the transition.

The EPS will need to enter into a sole source agreement with Rampart International Corp. for the purchase of replacement duty pistols, sights and magazines. The intent is to enter into a long term agreement to accommodate the lifecycle replacement of the current pistols and allow for growth over the next five (5) years. The funding associated with the lifecycle replacement will be allocated from the existing EPS budget.

Public Engagement

A public engagement process was not undertaken concerning this report. The recommendations are made so that the Edmonton Police Service can continue to support the highest levels of public safety for the citizens of Edmonton.

Corporate Outcomes and Performance Management

The information contained in this report is consistent with Council’s Strategic Direction in terms of its Conditions of Success, particularly with respect to the safety of the citizens of Edmonton.

The report supports the corporate outcome Edmonton is a safe city by increasing operational efficiency in crime fighting and policing.