

School Resource Officer Program Review

Recommendation

That the November 16, 2020, Edmonton Police Commission report EXT00045, be received for information.

Previous Council/Committee Action

At the July 6/8, 2020, City Council meeting, the following motion was passed:

4. e. That the Mayor, on behalf of City Council, write a letter to the Edmonton Police Commission, requesting the following:

Work in cooperation with the public school boards and other private or charter schools who wish to participate to review the School Resource Officer Program and report back.

Executive Summary

This report outlines the effort the Edmonton Police Service (EPS) is making to assist the Edmonton Public School Board (EPSB) in completing its review of the School Resource Officer (SRO) program. Attachment 1 provides a six-year overview of the program's history and accomplishments. The depth and breadth of the program's accomplishments are significant. Attachment 2 provides the EPS response to a series of questions posed by Trustees in June 2020.

Report

EPS employees have reached out to EPSB, Edmonton Catholic School Board (ECSB) and Edmonton Islamic Academy (EIA) employees and their consultants to offer any background, historical or statistical information required for the review. To maintain the integrity of the SRO review, no EPS employees will be involved in the actual research project, nor will any EPS employees sit on the committee that is coordinating the review process. Inspector Dan Jones, who coordinates EPS research initiatives, will be the primary point of contact for the consultants.

Anticipating that some form of historical information might be required, EPS SRO Unit employees proactively prepared a six-year summary of the program's major accomplishments. As police work in schools is generally out of the public eye, the

summary provides a detailed look at a range of SRO activities in the areas of student safety, school security, and relationship building. Attachment 1 provides a six-year overview of the program's history and accomplishments. The depth and breadth of the program's accomplishments are significant.

Corporate Outcomes and Performance Management

Corporate Outcome(s): Edmonton is a Safe City			
Outcome(s)	Measure(s)	Result(s)	Target(s)
Public Perception	TBD	TBD	TBD
Youth have confidence in police and police processes.	TBD	TBD	TBD

Attachment

1. School Resource Officer (SRO) Unit 6 Year Summary Report