

HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD
- RECOMMENDATION -

DATE: 2016 October 20
REPORT TO: Chair and Members
Hamilton Police Services Board
FROM: Ken Weatherill
Acting Chief of Police
SUBJECT: *HPS Projected Capital Expenditures: 2017 – 2026*
(PSB 16-113; see also PSB 15-002 and PSB 15-002a)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a) That the Hamilton Police Service Board approve the list of 2017-2026 Projected Police Capital Expenditures.
- b) That the Hamilton Police Service Board forward the approved plan to the City of Hamilton for inclusion in the 2017-2026 Capital Budget Plan.



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FINANCIAL / STAFFING / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

FINANCIAL – See details below.

STAFFING – n/a

LEGAL – n/a

BACKGROUND:

Each year the City of Hamilton requests that the Hamilton Police Service identify capital projects for the next ten (10) years. These projects are submitted to the City as part of the annual capital budget process for consideration, priority and funding approval through the City's annual capital budget process.

The format of a combined formal board report identifying all projected capital costs began in early 2015 in addition to seeking PSB approval though formal board reports as individually required.

With Hamilton City Council approving the Investigative Services Building, the list of capital projects has been updated. A summary of the remaining capital projects, with a brief description explaining the need and identifying the recommended year of acquisition, as well as the estimated total cost is provided below:

Year	Project	Projected Funding
2018	Command Van	\$750,000
2018	Ice Rescue Equipment	\$80,000
2018	Marine Vessel Replacement (Hike)	\$500,000
2019	Marine Facility Replacement/Expansion	\$4,000,000
2020	Communications Centre Expansion	\$500,000
2025	Police Station 40 (New Division 4)	\$25,000,000

2018 - Command Van: \$750,000

This vehicle replaces an older vehicle that is insufficient in size. This is required due to the growth in the City of Hamilton, in addition to increased special events. The vehicle is used for large-scale incidents that require extended time demand (those requiring a number of officers and public-service agencies), including hostage situations, active shooter calls, mass-casualty incidents, task-force operations, major homicide and missing persons investigations. Mobile command also requires unique recording equipment and TV monitors. It is used as a centralized place for agency officials to meet/talk on scene (EMS, Hydro, Gas, Fire Marshall, etc.) and is the hub for managing major events at the actual scene. Mobile command van requires specialized communication equipment, tactical gear and supplies.

2018 - Ice Rescue Equipment: \$80,000

With the Waterfront renewal at the Harbour, there is growth and increased popularity of recreational ice usage. The City of Hamilton also has a number of conservation areas with bodies of water that are used in winter months. During the winter months ice rescue is performed by the Service's Marine Unit. The Marine Unit is responsible for all bodies of water within the City of Hamilton. The necessity to respond rapidly and appropriately is required. To optimize the Service's ability to meet these requirements, the Marine Unit would require a vessel/vehicle capable of immediate deployment for both water and land terrain. The best suited tool that meets these requirements is a two (2) to three (3) person hovercraft. The vehicle is able to travel on land, water and ice and has the ability to reach speeds that allow officers to access victims in a timely manner. In addition, it would be a valuable tool for ground search and rescue.

2018 - Marine Vessel Replacement (Hike): \$500,000

The Marine Unit provides vital support on the waterways within Hamilton Harbour, Lake Ontario, conservation areas, and other water ways within the City of Hamilton. The Marine Unit is responsible for enforcement on the water, search and rescue, criminal investigations and assisting vessels in distress. The current vessel has had the motors replaced once and has had a number of maintenance issues due to the age of the vessel. To continue to conduct the duties safely, efficiently and effectively, the HPS is proposing the purchase of a Titan 290 - (9 meter RHIB). This vessel will provide the HPS with the ability to provide Community Safety under numerous circumstances.

2019 - Marine Facility Replacement/Expansion: \$4,000,000

The current location of the Police Marine Facility has been identified by the City of Hamilton as crucial to the waterfront development plans. Although, the current location is optimum for a Police Marine facility, the HPS understands the importance of this property in the west harbour redevelopment plan. The City of Hamilton has suggested the construction of a new Police Marine facility in another location, within the west harbour front and acknowledged responsibility for the cost of the facility (as approved by Council - Report 10-027, item 17, October 12-13, 2010) as part of the Waterfront renewal. The time frame for this project is dependent on the City of Hamilton and the current facility/location is required to be operational until such time as an alternate site is identified and the facility is built. This project originally planned for 2015 was requested and approved by the Board to be moved to 2016. The new proposed location does not become available until 2018; therefore, it is recommended that the projected date for this item be amended to 2019.

2020 - Communications Centre Expansion: \$500,000

With the continued growth in the City of Hamilton and surrounding areas, along with the proposed new Police Station (as a result of airport expansion and rural Hamilton population growth), the HPS will require an expansion to the Communication Centre in order to respond to the increasing request for Police calls for service. The current Communications Centre was designed around the needs and technologies of the mid-1970s. The "Police Radio Room" has evolved to become the "Public Safety Answering Point" (PSAP) for all 911 calls for Police, Fire and Ambulance for both cellular and hard line telephone calls for the City of Hamilton and the surrounding traffic corridors. Additionally, the introduction of the "Next Generation 911" system will incorporate "text messaging" and "video messaging" into the traditionally "voice only" technology of the PSAP.

2025 - Police Station 40 (New Division 4): \$25,000,000

Due to current and anticipated population growth in rural areas of the Hamilton Escarpment, there is an anticipated need for a new patrol division and the construction of a new station (Division 4, Station 40). This is identified in the HPS Business Plan and is based on current and projected rural population growth in Binbrook, the Hamilton Airport/Mount Hope, Ancaster, Dundas, Waterdown and Flamborough. Division 3 currently covers the largest geographic area in the City of Hamilton. It stretches from the borders of Halton Region, Wellington County, Brant County, Haldimand Region to Stoney Creek mountain. The dramatic increase in calls for service combined with immense geographic area of coverage makes it a tremendous challenge to meet acceptable response time. This project originally planned for 2020 was requested and approved by the Board to be moved to 2025.

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