

Staff Report to Council

Communications & Community Engagement

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REPORT DATE: March 02, 2020 MEETING DATE: March 10, 2020
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Carolyn Baldrige, Manager of Communications & Community
Engagement
SUBJECT: Police Services Review Engagement Summary

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REVIEW/APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDATION(S): THAT Council:

- A. Receive for information the Police Services Review Engagement Summary as presented at the March 10, 2020 Council Meeting; OR
- B. Other.

PURPOSE

To summarize feedback, communications, information sharing and community engagement activities undertaken by the City of Pitt Meadows in relation to the Police Services Review.

Information Report Decision Report Direction Report

DISCUSSION

Background:

Beginning on June 27, 2019, the City of Pitt Meadows announced its intention to conduct a Police Services Review. The purpose of the review was to examine how local RCMP resources were deployed with the goal of enhancing services and responsiveness.

Since then, the City used a variety of communications to keep the community informed. For a complete summary of communications activities see: Summary of Communications, Information and Community Engagement Activities (Attachment A).

More recently, and following the EPC of February 18, the City provided an opportunity for further community feedback using the online platform haveyoursaypittmeadows.ca.

Community Engagement Summary:

The following section summarizes community feedback gathered during the February 18, 2020 EPC meeting and feedback from haveyoursaypittmeadows.ca, the City’s online community engagement platform that was open from February 19 until March 1, 2020.

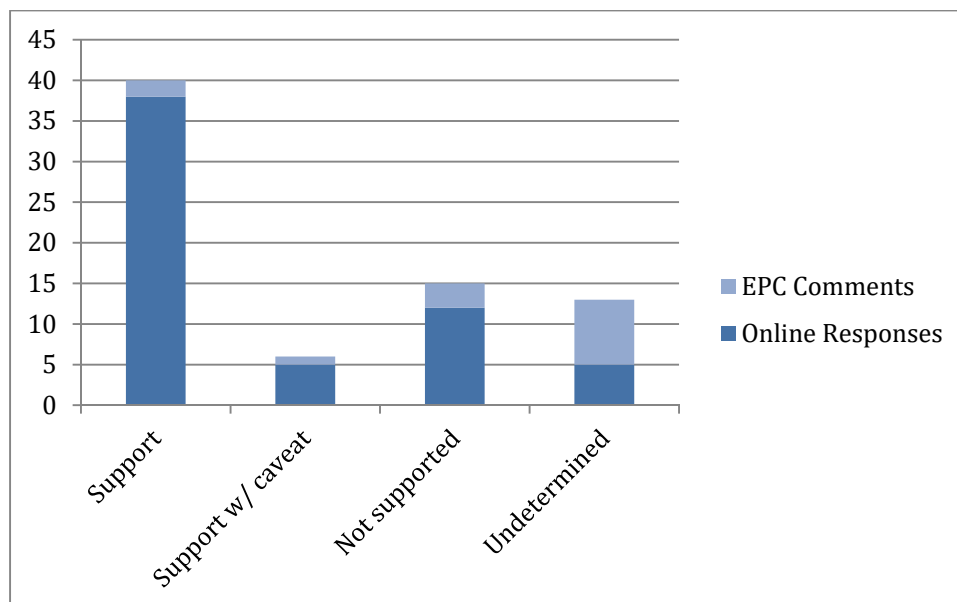
Summary of Feedback:

Approximately 100 people attended the February 18, 2020 EPC. During the session, 14 people provided comments. Beginning on February 19, the City provided an opportunity for residents to provide feedback online in relation to an independent RCMP detachment for Pitt Meadows. 60 people provided online comments, amounting to a total of 74 comments received.

All online comment submissions (unedited) are provided in Attachment B and a summary of comments made at the February 18, 2020 EPC meeting are provided in Attachment C, as per the draft minutes from that meeting.

With reference to the table below, the comments were organized into four categories: Support; Support with caveat; Not supported and Undetermined.*

Table - Categorized Responses



**Please Note: Effort was made to accurately assess and categorize each submitted comment regarding perspective of an independent RCMP detachment. Since subjective interpretation was occasionally required, all unedited comments have been included in Attachment B for full review and individual assessment.*

An individual who attended and commented at the EPC may have also chosen to make a comment online therefore; potentially the results may have counted and categorized the same individual’s comments twice.

Themes:

Of the 74 responses, the following themes* emerged:

1. 62 percent of respondents were in support (or support with caveat) of an independent RCMP detachment. 20 percent were not in support and 18 percent were undetermined.
2. Concerns about increased property taxes.
3. Concerns about the cost and availability of resources.
4. Lack of clarity for the justification for an independent detachment relative to crime rates.

*A theme is defined as a comment that appeared more than three times.

COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

- Principled Governance
 Balanced Economic Prosperity
 Corporate Excellence
 Community Spirit & Wellbeing
 Transportation & Infrastructure Initiatives


FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- None
 Budget Previously Approved
 Referral to Business Planning
 Other

Any financial considerations associated with the Police Services Review will be included in the CAO’s Report as part of the March 10, 2020 agenda.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Inform
 Consult
 Involve
 Collaborate
 Empower



	INFORM	CONSULT	INVOLVE	COLLABORATE	EMPOWER
GOAL	To provide balanced and objective information in a timely manner.	To obtain feedback on analysis, issues, alternatives, and decisions.	To work with public to make sure that concerns and aspirations are considered and understood.	To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision-making.	To place final decision-making in the hands of the public.
PROMISE	"We will keep you informed."	"We will listen to and acknowledge your concerns."	"We will work with you to ensure your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the decisions made."	"We will look to you for advice and innovation and incorporate this in decisions as much as possible."	"We will implement what you decide."

International Association of Public Participation

The City of Pitt Meadows sought feedback from the community at the Engagement and Priorities Meeting on February 18, 2020. As well, from February 19 to March 1, the community had an opportunity to provide feedback on haveyoursaypittmeadows.ca.

KATZIE FIRST NATION CONSIDERATIONS

Referral Yes No

The Katzie First Nation was invited to attend the EPC and representation from their Council was present at the meeting. The 'anonymous' online engagement may have included Katzie First Nation respondents.

SIGN-OFFS

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ATTACHMENT(S):

- A. Summary of Communication, Information and Community Engagement Activities
- B. Police Services Review Comments on Haveyoursaypittmeadows.ca
- C. Summary of Comments from February 18, 2020 Engagement & Priorities Committee Meeting

ATTACHMENT A

Summary of Communication, Information and Community Engagement Activities

2019

Item	Details	Date
Press Release	City of Pitt Meadows and City of Maple Ridge Working with Ridge Meadows RCMP Detachment to Launch Police Services Review	Jun. 27
City Talks	City Engages Consultant on Police Review	August
Pittmeadows.ca	Community Calendar and website spotlight	Sept. 27 – Oct. 8
Social Media Ads	Boosted ads ran on Facebook to promote Oct. 8 EPC	Sept. 27 – Oct. 8
Digital Signage	Pattison Digital sign and City Hall Sign to promote the Oct. 8 EPC.	Sept. 27 – Oct 8
Newspaper Ads	Advertising October 8 EPC on RCMP Integrated Services in Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows News	Oct. 4
EPC Meeting	RCMP Integrated Services	Oct. 8
Council News	Council Listens at Engagements & Priorities Meeting on RCMP Services	October
Third Quarter Report	Police Services Review underway and is expected to be complete by the end of 2019. Published in the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows News.	Nov. 1
Council Meeting	Ms. Enger briefs Council on the progress of the Police Services Review	Nov. 19
Council Meeting	Inspector Aaron Paradis briefs Council on Communication Protocol	Dec. 17

2020

Item	Details	Date
City Talks (February)	Police Services Review – Consultant Recommendations on the best policing model at the February 18 EPC.	Jan. 31
Press Release	Public Invited to Hearing Recommendations of Police Services Review	Feb. 10
Post Cards	Inviting the community to attend the February 18 EPC meeting. Postcards delivered in mailboxes by February 11	Feb. 11

Item	Details	Date
Haveyoursay pittmeadows.ca	Police Services Review content added	Feb 11
Digital Signage	Pattison Digital sign and City Hall Sign to promote the Feb. 18 EPC.	Feb 11 – 18
Pittmeadows.ca	Community Calendar and website spotlight Pittmeadows.ca/pollicereview webpage added	Feb 11 - 18
Social Media Ads	Boosted ads ran on Facebook to promote Feb. 18 EPC	Feb 11 – 18
Newspaper Ads	Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Newspaper Advertising	Feb. 12 & 14
Press Release	Katzie First Nation and the City of Maple Ridge Support the City of Pitt Meadows Aspirations to Create an Independent RCMP Detachment	Feb. 18
EPC Meeting	Approximately, 100 people attended the EPC meeting at the Heritage Hall to provide feedback about the Police Services Review report.	Feb. 18
Haveyoursay pittmeadows.ca	Police Services Review Feedback Form posted	Feb. 19 – Mar. 1
Photos	Post EPC event photos to Facebook, Instagram and Twitter	Feb 19
Haveyoursay pittmeadows.ca	Online feedback available February 19 to March 1	Feb. 19
EPC Video	Video of the Feb. 18 EPC posted to City Website	Feb 20

ATTACHMENT B

Survey Responses

Please provide any comments you may have regarding the Police Services Review and recommendation for an autonomous Pitt Meadows RCMP Detachment.	Summarized as
<p>I wholeheartedly support Pitt Meadows having our own autonomous RCMP detachment.</p> <p>Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows are two separate communities with separate issues, especially where criminal activity is concerned. And frankly I'd like to keep it that way.</p> <p>Maple Ridge is in need of more officers to handle some of their issues. And while I do not begrudge Maple Ridge, I do not feel this should be paid for by the Pitt Meadows tax payers as it is with our current shared RCMP.</p> <p>Pitt Meadows NEEDS to have a visible RCMP presence, which it currently does not. Otherwise we could easily have the issues that Maple Ridge and other larger communities have, which so far we have been fairly lucky to avoid on a large scale. However not altogether. I feel chart 2 on page 7 is not an accurate assessment of our actual criminal activity in Pitt Meadows. While it shows RCMP calls have decreased, I feel this graph simply shows the number of reported crimes have decreased. The residents of Pitt Meadows have grown tired of calling in non-emergency criminal activity to wait hours (or to not have an officer show up at all) to a reported crime in action. So they just post on social media, where most encourage them to report it after the fact, but often that advice falls on deaf ears.</p> <p>We do not want the criminal activity that occurs in Maple Ridge or other areas, yet we do have it. Fortunately in a much smaller scale. I feel with our own Pitt Meadows RCMP detachment we can eliminate some of the criminal activity we currently have and prevent any escalation of criminal activity in our community. Let's keep Pitt Meadows safe for all who live and visit here. As a tax payer, the safety of my family is by far my biggest concern. So again, I fully support Pitt Meadows having our own RCMP detachment. Especially if it isn't going to increase our taxes. But frankly, I would support it even if it would slightly increase our taxes! My family's safety is worth it.</p>	Support

<p>The current model is working. The report indicates that our crime rates are low. We do not have a need to make this drastic change at this time. It does come with added costs (ie renovations) which are NOT needed at this time. I am very concerned with this council's willingness to spend our tax dollars so freely. There are already many major projects that this council has already committed to such as the \$15 million dollar firehall and the significant tax increases you provided to yourselves. There does not seem to be an end to the amount of money you feel you have available to spend, but it is OUR tax dollars you are using. Our community is SAFE. We do not need to see RCMP members watching our kids play their sports or sitting in coffee shops as you think is important. I feel this is NOT a good use of my tax dollars. I also feel you are NOT listening to people even though you say you do. It is a sham. You only defend your pre determined positions rather than actually listen to people. The issues that were raised in the report in terms of members travelling to Maple Ridge can be addressed by dialogue. You do not need to walk away from a model that is working to keep us safe. It will take some maturity and genuine desire to work towards a mutually agreeable solution. You do not need to create your own sandbox.</p>	<p>Not supported</p>
<p>It seems like this has been a pre-determined process and that council has already made up their mind and comments will not make a difference. This concerns me as council says they listen to residents but that does not seem to be the case from my perspective. I see no need to change the current policing structure. The current structure is working for us as evidenced by our low crime rate. Although this council may want to see RCMP members in our parks watching our children play their sports, I do not think this is a good use of resources. I also don't think this is realistic. They have better things to do with their time. I think the terms of reference were super narrow and only allowed for the recommendations this council wanted to see. If we are considering an independent RCMP detachment why was this option not compared to it's own municipal force? This seems reasonable to consider all options to determine not only the best one but the most cost effective one as well. I am concerned about the unknown costs for things such as the new jail that will be needed. How can we commit to this when the costs are as of yet undetermined. This council (as you portray yourself as one whole entity who are unanimous) dismissed any legitimate concerns raised at the EPC meeting such as members not wanting to work in a detachment that has a slower pace. It will be difficult to staff these positions and definitely having a smaller detachment will make it more challenging to fill vacant positions or for those on various leaves. This will likely come with increased costs such as overtime or looking outside our independent detachment. Our current model is working. This is not the time to make a change. This council has already committed our tax dollars to too many</p>	<p>Not supported</p>

priorities (such as council's wage increases, a \$15 million dollar fire hall etc). Despite what some councillors think, residents do not support increased taxes to cover your pet projects.	
It's time for us to have our own police. We need to fully get the benefits of what we pay for and stop subsidizing Maple Ridge.	Support
This would be a great idea for our city. More appropriate use of our money.	Support
No more paying for Maple Ridge's problems. Let's get our own police.	Support
The amount of crime in Pitt Meadows continues to rise and with our current model I don't feel that they're able to give the time our area requires. As we continue to develop in the area and increase in population this will only get worse. I support Option #3.	Support
Complete nonsense. We need another turf field, community pool, track field etc. before turning Pitt Meadows into a policing city.	Not supported
I am all for this. As one man said at Tuesday's meeting "More boots on the ground for the same cost, let's do it!"	Support
I favour having our own Pitt Meadows detachment since the money is already being spent to be part of the joint MR detachment, but we are not getting the service since more calls are going to MR. If it is not going to increase our taxes, then it makes sense to have our own detachment instead of subsidizing MR with our money.	Support with caveat

<p>I have reviewed everything online, attended council meeting at OldRecHall, and followed media and information throughout, have interactions with police, see them around the community every day, ... I support an autonomous Pitt Meadows RCMP Detachment.</p> <p>I don't participate or review negative social media regarding the police, so I don't know the depths of what people complain about but I have had excellent response from police on all calls and questions and in conversations, with different members, I have appreciated their insight and diligence to our community. I have lived in many different communities and understand the RCMP structure and 'small town' RCMP structures, and CityPolicing structures, as well. I would be fine staying as is, except it looks even better moving to autonomous, if looking at it from a tax payer perspective.</p> <p>(I don't enjoy the adjudication of the 911 operators, who do not have a sense of Pitt Meadows or seemingly any ability to listen to what is provided and help figure out things, such as location, when you are in the midst of calling on suspicious activity and they want extremely specific info, that is currently not available)... That won't change with this.</p>	Support
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - we can't afford to duplicate the existing ridge meadows services - no additional costs with this is utter BS and simple not being upfront with residents - it will be more cost effective to remain with maple ridge and leverage their existing infrastructure - police services are sufficient already - we can't afford the inevitable tax increases that this will require as collective agreements change and fiefdom forms with additional head count requests - the next request will be for a new office to house all extra services - we need to reduce taxes and put money back in residents pocket - a large percentage of pitt meadows population are facing significant condo insurance premium increases and appears council have head up ass unaware that pitt meadows has had massive tax increases the last 10 years straight with little to no new services added - if you want to take your kids to the gym as a family to shoot some baskets you have to go to langley or poco as a small group of people are playing pickle ball 	Not supported
<p>Public safety first and foremost is a positive move for Pitt Meadows</p>	Support

<p>Hi there, I'm a resident of Pitt Meadows and I'd like to put my two cents in around our police services. I'd really like to see the police services in our community autonomous. I would prefer our money not go to maple ridge for policing. Thanks</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>I would like to express my support for the independent Pitt Meadows RCMP detachment currently being considered by the City Council.</p> <p>I think this would be a good decision for the city and it's residents.</p> <p>Thank you</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>Dear Pitt Meadows planning team. I and my family residing at 19473 Hoffmann Way, Pitt Meadows, am in full support of pulling our police resources back to Pitt meadows to help secure a safer community going forward. Thank you for your consideration.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>I would like to express my support for an autonomous and independent RCMP detachment for Pitt Meadows.</p> <p>Pitt Meadows has a unique policing requirement, and an independent detachment would allow the city to closer tailor the policing to the requirements of the city.</p> <p>I think moving forward with an independent detachment would be in the best interest of Pitt Meadows and its residents.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>I would like to submit my support for an Independent RCMP Detachment in Pitt Meadows. The fact that we would be getting more RCMP members spending full time here providing their services instead of sitting in an office or patrolling in Maple Ridge is a huge benefit. I also believe that the longer term a members would serve in Pitt Meadows would be beneficial to the citizens of Pitt Meadows. I have lived in Pitt Meadows for 37 years and have served as a Volunteer Firefighter in Pitt Meadows for 22 years in the past, as well as 25 years with a Career Fire Department. I fully understand the importance of response times when there is an emergency and feel that this would improve as well.</p>	<p>Support</p>

<p>Pitt Meadows needed a 24 hour RCMP detachments because it's to far from maple ridge RCMP detachment in maple ridge to get to Pitt Meadows fast</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>I would support an autonomous RCMP police detachment so long as it does not increase taxes and we are receiving a superior service. I feel that more information about the upfront costs required for the set up and building needs are needed before a decision is made. I would like to know what the options are and the costs for the reno versus new build and what the location options are for a few building. Also, does the city staff have capacity to take this on and oversee the transition with so many other larger projects? Will more staff be hired and is that included in the existing operating budget? Thank you for receiving my feedback.</p>	<p>Support with caveat</p>
<p>I'm very much in favour of an autonomous Pitt Meadows RCMP Detachment. The \$5.4 million budget is already being spent with an integrated detachment, however, officers are most often in Maple Ridge and are dealing with more Maple Ridge calls. Because of this and because the integrated detachment is situated in Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows does not have much of a police presence on a day to day basis. Based on the figures presented, Pitt Meadows is not seeing value for the money we are spending with an integrated unit. In a way, we are subsidizing Maple Ridge residents with the officers that could otherwise remain within our PM border. It just makes sense to use our existing budget to have our own detachment where the officers remain here in PM. Not only will this help to create more of a direct relationship between RCMP officers stationed in PM and our community, but also improve responsiveness and offer higher quality service. I also feel that having more of a police presence on a day to day basis will help to deter the increase of crime in our area as there will be more officers available to patrol problem areas and respond more readily to calls. There is also the issue of population growth over the next 20 years which is another factor to favor having our own detachment. In my opinion, we would be remiss not to go the direction of an autonomous detachment if it means we still maintain our budget without an increase in property taxes (not including the \$1.5 million from reserves needed to put toward creating a detachment location).</p>	<p>Support</p>

<p>'I attended the Police Services Review meeting on February 18th and I did voice my comments there. However, I wanted to clarify some points that seem to get lost in the conversation.</p> <p>1) If the crime rate is low in Pitt Meadows and the current Policing model is working what is the need to make any change? If we had a crime problem I would understand and support a change. The only reason that was presented by Council last night was the want to have Police officers more connected to our city. The example that was provided was the desire to have on duty Police officers at sporting and community events and clear for calls if needed. I do not believe that having our own RCMP Detachment will fulfill this request and even if it did what does it provide us? The other reason was need to reduce the time members spend traveling from Maple Ridge to Pitt Meadows. I am not sure how this is F27 issue. Currently, Members start their shift in Pitt Meadows, take files in Pitt Meadows and end their shift in our town. The only need to travel to Maple Ridge would be to transport prisoners to cells. This travel will not be avoided even if we have our own detachment as the likelihood of Pitt Meadows having our own cells is low due to cost. What is the real cost to have our own detachment. First, we would need to expand our current building or replace it which will be significant. Second, there are many police services that Pitt Meadows currently has access to that we would have to start paying for, these include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ECOMM: we would need our own dispatch channel which we currently share with Maple Ridge. This is a significant cost that several other agencies have decided to share with other agencies in order to save money. If we separate, we would have to share the cost with Maple Ridge or pay for our own channel/dispatch. - IDENT: Maple Ridge would not simply allow Pitt meadows to use their forensic Identification services at no charge. We would have to our own IDENT or pay to use Maple Ridge ERT: Pitt Meadows would have to either supply members to the integrated ERT services or pay to use them. - IHIT: if there is a homicide in Pitt Meadows, we currently use IHIT which Ridge Meadows RCMP is part of as we have members seconded there. For homicide investigations we would have to either send members to IHIT or pay for the services. - Street Crime or plain clothes units: Currently we have access to plain clothes members if needed. Plain clothes members are a required section in order to investigate significant serious crime (such as B&E suspects). Pitt Meadows would not have a plain clothes Unit and would have to ask Maple Ridge to use theirs (if available) and at a cost. Traffic Section: we currently 	<p>Not supported</p>
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<p>have a dedicated Traffic Unit that can address and target traffic issues in our town. Patrol members can also do this but it would be a secondary function if and when time allows.</p> <p>- Jail staff: we would either have to continue using Maple Ridge cells that we currently use for free. We would have to start paying to use their cells or build and staff our own cells. This is a significant cost that other departments in the GVRD contract out.</p> <p>In conclusion, I believe that having a separate RCMP Detachment in Pitt Meadows will reduce our service, reduce our ability to get resources when needed and will cost us more. I am also concerned that the real cost of having our own detachment will be significantly higher than projected. I am also concerned that our taxes will be increased to fund this initiative.</p> <p>I do not support having our own RCMP Detachment and I do not understand the need to make the switch. I also believe that the cost to build or expand our Police building would be better spent on other infrastructure such as a pool.</p>	
<p>If this stays within budget as stated and does not increase our taxes but provides more visible policing in our town, it sounds logical many residents are concerned of future costs of growth affecting the budget. We do not want to spend millions on a new police detachment building; especially with the huge expense of the upcoming Fire Hall replacement. The positives of a community police force have merit as long as we do not have tax increases to sustain this.</p>	Support with caveat
<p>My family will welcome our very own Pitt Meadows RCMP detachment.... I would like to see more traffic enforcement done and have officers out and about in our area to deter criminal activity. I believe it will attract more homeowners to Pitt Meadows as it will be seen as a safe place to live.</p>	Support
<p>Having our own RCMP detachment is much needed in Pitt Meadows... thank you for being so proactive and getting this done.</p>	Support
<p>I fully support Option 3 as presented for an autonomous CPM RCMP detachment. The presentation and consultant's report made it crystal clear the differences between the two cities. MR is growing both in popn and spreading eastward, crime and severity of crime is rising, including mental health, where PM pop will only slightly grow and within a tight urban area. We pay 18.5% towards the 100% costs yet only 'use' (thankfully) between</p>	Support

11-13% based on volume and files. It is not good value anymore.	
<p>We are supposed to be an Integrated Police Dept and that works when the two cities are similiar in size both population and geographically. Over the past 10 years, Maple Ridge's growth in popn, size and crime has resulted in the Integrated Dept morphing into ONE dept where the resources are not able to be allocated as intended. The officers supposed to be dedicated to PM are not as they spend time in MR for parade, dropping of exhibits and the majority of them do start/stop in MR for the commaderie which was not the model intended. The commanding officers NCO are not overseeing them in PM as I understand it so while it might look on paper as we are well served with 23 to give us a good cop to pop, when those 'cops' arent IN PM, we aren't being serviced. PM community model will look very different than MR based on our citizen make up. And so the police force needs to look different. Throwing more money towards more police officers is not solving the problem. The model is broken and needs to be re jigged. That's what this review showed.</p>	Undetermined
<p>I am very much in support of an autonomous Pitt Meadows RCMP Detachment. Our population has grown, and will continue to, so we now need our own Detachment. As someone who has waited in an emergency for Police to arrive from Maple Ridge, 20 or more minutes is far too long, and could result in a devastating outcome. To me, after considering all the facts presented, our own detachment is just common sense.</p>	Support
<p>We are an older couple and do a great deal of walking in Pitt Meadows. We would love to see a larger presence of Police in the community. After the recent pepper spraying of an elderly man on Ford Road, it would be nice to know the police did not have to come from Maple Ridge when things like that happen. We see no reason for this not to go ahead. We will feel safer if it does. Thank you.</p>	Support
<p>I am posting for my folks as they are not computer savvy. They are very much in favor of the proposed RCMP Detachment. They found the meeting very informative, and think it would be practical, and beneficial to go ahead with it.</p>	Support
<p>I fully support our own detachment, Pitt Meadows policing needs are quite different than Maple Ridge and it's about time our police force can focus on what's important to us for better service.</p>	Support

There's cops in Pitt Meadows ?	Undetermined
Very concerned about the cost to set up and sustain an autonomous detachment with, I assume, appropriate facilities for arrests etc as well as staffing and administration costs. Very concerned about the proposition that somehow we would get more without paying more. Seema short sighted and missing information.	Undetermined
Pitt Meadows is growing everyday it seems. I am in favour of option C. When I first moved here 12 years ago I thought it was odd that we had a 'Community Police' building with no police officers in it. I was told they can check in there but didn't work from there. Anyway. I want OPTION C.	Support
The system is working well now. Pitt Meadows officers benefit from interacting with other officers and gaining valuable feedback and experience. Crime crosses both borders of Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows, Meadowtown shopping centre is only steps away from 201st in Maple Ridge. Therefore our RCMP officers gain valuable interaction with M.R. officers and this would be lost if we kept our officers in Pitt Meadows. they would lose the 'sharpness' and experience. Also, there would be additional costs of building a larger RCMP establishment, i.e. heat, taxes wages and the cost of construction itself as well as food and care for jailhouse prisoners. The system is working very well at present. If we need more officers perhaps a solution would be to hire an additional RCMP officer and share with Maple Ridge.	Not supported
After attending the presentation at the heritage hall, I am 100 percent in favour of option three, an autonomous detachment for Pitt Meadows	Support
I don't see a reason why this would not make sense for Pitt Meadows. My understanding is: we would get our own detachment, using existing resources, and it will not cost anymore than it does today. As a result, service levels should increase for our Community, as our RCMP resources would be dedicated to our community. "More service for the same cost", why not? That makes sense. I am in full support of this initiative, and cannot wait to see a full complement of RCMP servicing our community full time, and not being taken away to manager Maple Ridge's bigger community.	Support

<p>This is a good idea. I like it, and can't wait to see it happen</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>A Pitt Meadows independent detachment is a GREAT idea. More options for tailoring to our community that is vastly different than Maple Ridge.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>In favor of pitt meadows having its own detachment.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>I am in favour of having an independent RCMP detachment in our city. Our tax dollars are best spent for police services dedicated to our city.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>This is a huge step back for our community and will cut back the services and resources available for when emergencies do arise while increase costs for the residents of the City. Reducing the size and pool of resources available to a smaller model is absurd and more people should be concerned with this proposal.</p>	<p>Not supported</p>
<p>I have been a Police Officer for the last 23 years and a resident of Pittmeadows for approximately 8. Regarding the move to push for an independent detachment I do not believe it is necessary for Public Safety nor policing effectiveness. An independent detachment would not see a reduction in Crime (already very low) but would lead to increased costs. At present if members become long term sick then they will be supplemented by the larger Maple Ridge. However, if an independent detachment, they would have to carry these members and also have to pay for overtime to back fill. If you don't think this is an issue look at the number of sick or accommodated members across the RCMP and Municipal forces, you will be surprised. The added costs would soon creep and before long the need would be more staff, more civilians and in turn more senior posts to supervise them. The present system, although not perfect suits Pittmeadows as a Community and I do not see much benefit in changing.</p>	<p>Not supported</p>

<p>I simply don't see how this exercise will increase accountability and address community needs. At present the police come when they are called. Crime is low in our small community and there is no real hankering for a cop on ever corner. The idea of an independent detachment is one driven by the mayor and his previous career.... operationally it will have no impact as to service delivery and will in the long turn put the City in the position of additional costs that are driven by outside forces that they have no control over. Setting up a detachment is the thin end of the wedge.</p> <p>The insatiable demand from The Justice system will have to be borne by the City with no help from Maple Ridge. Unionisation of RCMP members could increase these costs dramatically- with changes in working conditions, sick leave, back filling overtime, long term sickness and accommodated positions.</p> <p>A satellite office can call on the mother ship for assistance without cost. An independent detachment- by verrue of its name is on its own. The long term potential costs are not negated by any accountability or effectiveness that I can see.</p>	<p>Not supported</p>
<p>I am in favour of an independent detachment.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>Having our own police detachment separate from Maple Ridge is a good idea if we wont be paying more than we are now and will have better service.</p>	<p>Support with caveat</p>
<p>I'm in favour</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>I appreciate the fulsome police services review and council's proactive approach to ensure adequate policing in Pitt Meadows. I am in full support of an autonomous RCMP detachment in our city.</p> <p>A few questions:</p> <p>It appears we will have an increase in police baseline staffing. Will the baseline be maintained even with vacation and other leaves factored in? Is this cost reflected in the budget forecast?</p> <p>What are the plans for mutual aid with MR? Will our police officers consistently be pulled across the city border to assist with the higher call volume in MR leaving PM without adequate services?</p> <p>Thank you!</p>	<p>Support</p>

<p>In Maple Ridge open drug use is practically legal. When people call it in they do not attend. The police drive right by people using in public. They follow federal policies so how do we know having our own force will be any better? I am seeing them here using drugs in the park and I want a police force that will attend since drugs are still illegal. We are better off with a city force.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>An autonomous PM detachment would be beneficial as the amount of crime in this city is becoming alarming. From vehicle break-ins to seniors being pepper sprayed for no apparent reason is a major reason as to why we need a local police force. These events need to be stopped and I'm certain that the current lack of a police presence in PM is a strong contributor to this.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>I believe that Pitt Meadows is being overlooked by RCMP when it comes to property crime. So many thefts and break ins happen because RCMP is busy in Maple Ridge. It takes a long time for RCMP to report to crimes in Pitt Meadows and thieves know this. An autonomous police service for Pitt Meadows would drastically decrease property crime and make Pitt Meadows a safer place to live. With the same amount of money spent to RCMP, I'd say that is amazing!</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>I think the police do a great job..It's our court system that let's them out..</p>	<p>Undetermined</p>
<p>We don't need more police, I don't trust the ones we have now, this community is safe, not because of law enforcement but because of our citizens, Waste of money</p>	<p>Not supported</p>
<p>I'm in favour. Maple ridge is simply too sprawling an area for us to be sharing services and be getting reasonable coverage for the cost.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>As I understand it we would be getting more members at any given time patrolling and providing services for the citizens of Pitt Meadows for the same cost. For that alone I am in support of this change.</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p>While I do not oppose the concept of a detachment in PM I have grave reservations with housing it in the public recreation centre. This building houses a day care, a preschool, many after school programs and many other public activities. I feel strongly that the police office and attendant activities including human and auto traffic is inherently inappropriate for our recreation centre. If council proceeds in this direction you must plan for locating the detachment elsewhere, if not immediately then in the very near future, with definitive time lines communicated to the citizens of Pitt</p>	<p>Support with caveat</p>

Meadows. Thank you for your consideration of these concerns.	
All for it, as Pitt Meadows expands we need more representation here.	Support
I hope the public will be able to vote on such a large decision to be made, instead of us being told. I wasn't able to make the first meeting due to my work shift, although I have read through the entire report and have many questions. My concern is that the public's voice will not be heard and this decision will just get approved no matter what. I love Pitt Meadows for the small town that it is, but lately certain people's visions are not in the same alignment that they used to be. Such a large push to build more warehouses and less community. We can't have food trucks? How about ride sharing? If this is based on public's voice, then what about a swimming pool? I haven't heard of anyone commenting on police presence or asking for more police, but I have heard tons of discussions on having our own indoor pool. While I agree that our own indoor pool would be too costly, I also agree that the increased expense of our own Police detachment would be too costly. The numbers are very misleading in the report and don't portray in the way that council is telling us.	Not supported

<p>I am neither for or against this proposal, but we definitely need more information, especially financials that are actual and not the word of one person saying that he thinks it might be possible. It seems a lot of the issues are the numbers of rcmp members attending calls and their commute to Maple Ridge for certain issues. I believe our agreement is with the city of Maple Ridge, so correct me if I am wrong. If we are paying for 8 members, then we should have 8 members working and responding for Pitt Meadows.</p> <p>Why do we pay for 4 members who sit in an office in Maple Ridge and don't respond to any calls in Pitt Meadows. If we have members assigned to Pitt Meadows for a duration, why are they working on files from Maple Ridge and not looking after Pitt Meadows? I run a large company and if my employees aren't doing what I pay them to do, then they get reprimanded and or let go. Why can't Maple Ridge and the RCMP be held accountable for the members that are assigned to look after the safety of Pitt Meadows. If we have 4 members on a shift, and one is sick or in training, then Maple Ridge should maintain the numbers that they have committed to and supply another member to make the 4 members they agreed to. How can members be allowed to go to MR to have coffee with other MR members when they are supposed to be and being paid to be watching over Pitt Meadows? It appears that MR is not being held accountable for the lack of RCMP service being provided to Pitt Meadows, even though we pay for it. However, in my own experience, I have dealt with the RCMP on several occasions (usually in the form of 911) and the response has been exceptional. They have shown up in a very short time frame and been a pleasure to deal with.</p> <p>Based on a lot of the information provided and the numbers, I feel that there needs to be discussion with MR on the current level of service provided and less need for our own detachment. I look forward to more information being provided.</p>	<p>Undetermined</p>
<p>I understand that the 2020 budget has been approved and has the funds available this year, but how can we see the previous years amounts paid to Maple Ridge for policing services? It's quite surprising that the 2020 budget for MR RCMP service is near the exact same budget as a dedicated PM detachment. When is the last time a substantial project came in on or under budget? From my experience, nearly all private, public, and government projects go well over budget. So is there an allowance for this other than just borrowing more money and raising our taxes further?</p>	<p>Not supported</p>

ATTACHMENT C

Excerpts from February 18, 2020 EPC Minutes

Community Engagement - Comments	Summarized as
Eric Lusk, Pitt Meadows – Requested clarification of housing support costs, and appeal for future members to work in Pitt Meadows.	Undetermined
Dan Kosicki, Pitt Meadows – Spoke to support of Council using the Heritage Hall for tonight’s meeting and the policing recommendations presented tonight.	Support with caveat
Norm Dawson, Pitt Meadows – Regarding recommended space allocation of CPO and future population growth considerations	Undetermined
William Wild, Pitt Meadows – Regarding costs of implementation and the funding of an autonomous RCMP detachment. Also inquired to the installation of jail cells	Undetermined
Brian Anderson, Pitt Meadows – Regarding timeline of events leading up to tonight’s meeting. He then spoke to safety in the community, current model and opposition to an autonomous RCMP detachment.	Not supported
Greg Smith, Pitt Meadows – Regarding the start and stop model and the factors that led to the Police Services Review. He then inquired to costs and other potential use of the reserve fund.	Not supported
Valerie Archer, Pitt Meadows – Regarding CUPE increases included in budget forecasts, costs associated with infrastructure requirements, mutual aid agreements, and member file assignment.	Undetermined
Peter Borghardt, Pitt Meadows – Spoke in opposition of an autonomous RCMP detachment. Requests that Council listen to the community.	Not supported
Russ McNabb, Pitt Meadows – Spoke in support of the autonomous RCMP detachment.	Support
Steve Mark, Pitt Meadows – Regarding support for the current model, financials, short term member assignments and RCMP endorsement of the recommendation.	Undetermined

Kirk Duncan, Pitt Meadows – Regarding the CPO facility and potential for it to be inclusive of all first responders.	Undetermined
Rick James, Pitt Meadows – Regarding residency law for members and potential for increased foot patrol.	Undetermined
Diane Siemens, Pitt Meadows – Spoke in support of the autonomous RCMP detachment and the process taken to date.	Support
Resident, Pitt Meadows – Regarding community interaction with RCMP members and the illusion of more members on the road.	Undetermined
Dan Kosicki, Pitt Meadows – Regarding the planned budget and overall support for the autonomous RCMP detachment.	*Support with caveat as per first comment
William Wild, Pitt Meadows – Regarding future communications, next steps and the timeline of events moving forward. He then spoke in appreciation for the opportunity to speak at the public engagement.	*Undetermined as per first comment