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Hello ladies! Can you please ensure your Council receives this at some point? I will leave it to you to determine the best way/time to give it to them.

Regards,



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VICTORIA & ESQUIMALT POLICE BOARD

MAYOR BARBARA DESJARDINS, LEAD CO-CHAIR

MAYOR LISA HELPS, DEPUTY CO-CHAIR

May 20, 2020

Esquimalt Mayor & Council
Township of Esquimalt

Via Email

Dear Mayor and Council:

Thank you for your letter of April 28, 2020 wherein you outlined your objection to being required to pay towards the policing costs incurred for Project Downtown Connect as well as the protests and demonstrations from 2019 and early 2020. We understand that it is Council's position that under the Framework Agreement budget allocation formula, Esquimalt should not contribute to any policing costs that were incurred because of unique events that took place strictly within the City of Victoria.

Project Downtown Connect (PDC) was a pilot project initiated by VicPD management to address the significant increase in thefts from stores in the Lower Johnson area. The goal was to respond to the concerns of the business community regarding these thefts and to support local downtown businesses by having two officers on foot patrol four days per week for four-hour shifts. Officers were to maintain a consistent, high-visibility presence in the downtown area beginning on February 10, 2020 for four months. Although the program was only able to run for five weeks before it was suspended on March 17, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was very successful and lowered the crime rate.

The cost of this project was comprised solely of the overtime wages. As per Council's request, the breakdown for these costs of the project are as follows:

Projected Total Cost (4 months)	Esquimalt Share (14.7%)	Victoria Share (85.3%)
\$55,000	\$8,085	\$46,915
Actual Total Cost (5 weeks)	Esquimalt Share (14.7%)	Victoria Share (85.3%)
\$ 17,805	\$2,617	\$15,188

Section 5 (Optional Resources) of the Framework Agreement states in part that “*Subject to the Act, in addition to the regular review of the Dedicated Municipal Divisions under section 4.5, each Municipality shall have the option to increase policing resources serving its community...*” This project was initiated by VicPD management and not the City of Victoria; therefore, both municipalities are required to pay for these policing costs as per the current budget allocation formula. Section 5.4 (Opting-out of Optional Resources) is not applicable because only the municipality that initiated the opt-in clause is able to exercise the opt-out clause for optional resources.

The Police Board welcomes the opportunity to review the Framework Agreement and fully support Council’s intention to submit a request to Police Services to convene a meeting of the Administrative Committee.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Helps', written in a cursive style.

Mayor Lisa Helps
Deputy Co-Chair