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Esquimalt Mayor and Council

Via Email

Dear Mayor Desjardins and Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to present to Council on Monday, January 21st. I was pleased to join Mr. Sean Powell, the Finance Committee Chair of the Victoria and Esquimalt Police Board, in outlining the Board's 2019 budget request for VicPD, along with associated resource challenges and opportunities.

I also appreciated Council's comments and questions about this budget request. I recognize that policing services represent a substantial part of the Township's overall operating budget and that Esquimalt residents expect and deserve the best possible value for that investment.

To that end, I am writing to provide Council with additional information that was requested during the discussion following our presentation. It is hoped that this information will assist Council in its evaluation of our budget request.

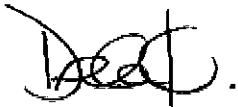
- 1) Crime Severity Index information specific to the Township of Esquimalt: I understand that this information may allow Council to better understand the severity of crime that occurs in the Township. Since this figure is produced by Statistics Canada and is currently only available for VicPD's jurisdiction of Victoria and Esquimalt combined, we are requesting Statistics Canada to provide us with an Esquimalt-specific figure. I will advise when I hear back regarding this request;
- 2) Percentage of Priority 1 and 2 Calls for Esquimalt: I would also like to thank Council for pointing out an apparent discrepancy regarding the slide that indicated that "25% of all priority 1 and 2 calls for service occur in [the] Township." I asked my team to look into this and we have confirmed that a five-year average of our Priority 1 calls to VicPD showed that 15.3 % were in Esquimalt and that, for Priority 2 calls, 10.1% of those were for Esquimalt. It is not accurate to simply add these two figures and indicate that 25% of Priority 1 and 2 calls occur in the Township. I apologize for any confusion this caused; and
- 3) Additional Data: It was suggested that some additional crime statistics and calls for service data be provided to Council. I have asked Deputy Chief Laidman to collate that additional information and this will be sent to Council as soon as it is ready.

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I hope that this information is helpful and I look forward to providing anything else that Council needs with respect to this budget request.

Yours truly,

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Del Manak
Chief Constable