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REQUEST FOR DIRECTION

DATE: June 15, 2022

Report No. CSS-22-005

TO: Laurie Hurst, Chief Administrative Officer

FROM: Blair McDonald, Director of Community Safety Services

SUBJECT:

Consultant's Report RE: Public Engagement on Policing

ESSENTIAL QUESTION:

Does the COTW wish to direct staff to complete a report addressing the recommendations as outlined in the Community Policing Engagement Strategy: Final Report by Neuquinn Consulting?

RECOMMENDATION:

That the COTW receive Staff Report No. CSS-22-005 for information, provide any additional direction to staff as the COTW considers advisable, and direct staff to prepare a report for Council's consideration.

BACKGROUND:

Flowing from Council's strategic priorities, Council identified "**work to achieve equitable costing and optimization of policing in Esquimalt**" with the attached operational strategy of "**Review all alternatives for provision of police services to the community**". Additionally, with timelines for consideration of renewal of the Framework Agreement approaching, staff presented a report to Council on November 19th, 2021, and received direction to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for public consultation on policing in Esquimalt. A staff working group was struck and the RFP drafted and posted. The working group reviewed the proposals received and presented a recommendation to Council at the January 24th, 2022, Council meeting. Council endorsed the preferred proponent as Neuquinn Consulting.

The staff working group held numerous meetings with Neuquinn Consulting to map out a strategy and process for the public consultation. Neuquinn conducted numerous public consultation sessions with various community groups and individuals seeking public attitudes towards community policing in Esquimalt. The consultation was robust, including meeting with focus groups, a Township wide survey and an open house. At the conclusion of the consultation, Neuquinn Consulting produced a report for Council's information.

ISSUES:

Attached is the report and presentation to the COTW from Neuquinn Consulting

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That the COTW receive Staff Report No. CSS-22-005 for information, provide any additional direction to staff as the COTW considers advisable, and direct staff to prepare a report for Council's consideration.
2. That the COTW request further information from staff.