
HALDIMAND COUNTY

Report PSB-01-2020 Request for Funds from Dunnville and Townsend Community Policing Committees

For Consideration by Police Services Board on February 26, 2020



OBJECTIVE:

To present requests for funding for 2020 from the Dunnville and Townsend Community Policing Committees.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Report PSB-01-2020 Request for Funds from Dunnville and Townsend Community Policing Committees be received;
2. AND THAT funding for the Dunnville Community Policing Committee, in the amount of \$2,500, for projects identified in Attachment 1 to Report PSB-01-2020, be granted;
3. AND THAT funding for the Townsend Community Policing Committee, in the amount of \$2,300, for projects identified in Attachments 2 and 3 to Report PSB-01-2020, be granted.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Requests for 2020 funding for Community Policing Committees (CPCs) have been received from the Dunnville and Townsend Community Policing Committees and are included as Attachments 1-3 to this report. A representative of each Committee has been invited to attend the Police Services Board meeting of February 26 to answer any questions regarding their funding requests.

It is anticipated that the Dunnville and Townsend CPCs will carry out their 2020 work plans by coordinating and initiating quality programs which support community policing within their respective areas, with funding assistance from Haldimand County.

The funding requests from the Dunnville and Townsend Committees are for \$3,000 and \$2,300, respectively. Dunnville's request is for an amount in excess of the \$2,500 established annual limit. Staff are recommending that funding in the amount of \$2,500 be approved for the Dunnville Community Policing Committee, and \$2,300 for the Townsend Community Policing Committee. Should either Committee require additional funding in the latter part of the year, it may submit a supplementary application in the fall through the established process.

BACKGROUND:

In 2004, the Haldimand County Police Services Board (PSB) and, subsequently, Haldimand County Council, approved recommendations related to Community Policing Committees (Report CS-CL-05-2004). Specifically, the following resolution of Council was passed pertaining to the funding of local Community Policing Committees (CPCs):

“AND THAT local community policing committee funding efforts be directed towards community policing programming costs, with the understanding that the local community policing committees are not responsible for funding any accommodation costs of the local police offices;

AND THAT the process by which the local community policing committees apply for annual funding from the municipality shall be as follows:

- A local community policing committee shall submit a request for funds to the Haldimand County Community Policing Liaison by January 31st of each year in the form of a letter with a program outline and cost estimate.*
- The Liaison shall review and submit the request for approval to the PSB.*
- The Chair or representative of the respective local community policing committee shall be notified of, and encouraged to attend, the PSB meeting at which the matter will be addressed.*
- The PSB may exercise authority to approve requests within the annual Community Policing budget allocation once the overall budget has been approved by Haldimand County Council.*

AND THAT the annual limit of available funds for a local community policing committee be established at \$2,500 each, with the possibility of a local community policing committee requesting additional funding from the PSB for programs should there be excess funds in the County approved Community Policing budget as of September 30th of each year.”

ANALYSIS:

The attached work plans for 2020 from the Dunnville and Townsend Committees comply with the requirement to focus funding requests on policing-related programming activities. The Committees have requested \$3,000 and \$2,300, respectively. The maximum grant that can be allocated at this time, in accordance with the Council resolution stated above, is \$2,500 per Committee.

The Community Policing Committee representatives have been asked to have a copy of the Committee's bank account statement, as well as a list of accomplishments and expenses for 2019, on hand at the February Police Services Board meeting, should any Member of the Board wish to review them. Financial statements are not a requirement of the funding but are desirable in order to provide public accountability and ensure that the grant is utilized towards policing-related programming expenses.

FINANCIAL/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

The 2020 Haldimand County Tax Supported Operating Budget includes a total of \$7,500 for Community Policing Committee (CPC) funding, which is comprised of \$2,500 each for three (3) Committees (Dunnville, Townsend and one additional Committee should an interested group come forward. Staff have recently received expressions of interest for a CPC in Caledonia.).

It is anticipated that the Dunnville and Townsend CPCs will carry out their 2020 work plans by coordinating and initiating quality programs supporting community policing within Dunnville and Townsend, with the assistance of funding from the County. For 2020, staff recommend approval of

\$2,500 to Dunnville and \$2,300 to Townsend in keeping with Council resolutions outlined in report CS-CL-05-2004.

Of the \$7,500 total budget, no money has been expended to date. Approval of the two requests outlined in this report would result in a remainder of \$2,700 being available for funding of other 2020 Community Policing initiatives across Haldimand County later in the year.

STAKEHOLDER IMPACTS:

Not applicable.

REPORT IMPACTS:

Agreement: No

By-law: No

Budget Amendment: Yes

Policy: No

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Dunnville Community Policing Committee – Funding Request.
2. Townsend Community Policing Committee – Funding Request.
3. Townsend Community Policing Committee – Funding Request Budget.