
HALDIMAND COUNTY

Report CS-PSB-01-2018 Request for Funds from Dunnville and Townsend Community Policing Committees

For Consideration by the Police Services Board on May 23, 2018



OBJECTIVE:

To present requests for funding for 2018 from the Dunnville and Townsend Community Policing Committees.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Report CS-PSB-01-2018 Request for Funds from Dunnville and Townsend Community Policing Committees be received;
2. AND THAT funding, in the amount of \$2,500, be granted to the Dunnville Community Policing Committee to assist with the projects identified in Attachment #1 to Report CS-PSB-01-2018;
3. AND THAT funding, in the amount of \$2,500, be granted to the Townsend Community Policing Committee to assist with the projects identified in Attachment #2 to Report CS-PSB-01-2018.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Requests for 2018 funding have been received from the Dunnville and Townsend Community Policing Committees (CPC) and are included as Attachment #1 and Attachment # 2 to this report, respectively. A representative of each Committee has been invited to attend the Police Services Board meeting on May 23rd to answer any questions regarding their funding requests.

It is anticipated that the Dunnville and Townsend Community Policing Committees will carry out their 2018 work plan by coordinating and initiating quality programs supporting community policing within their respective areas, with the assistance of funding from the County. The funding requests from the Dunnville and Townsend Committees are for \$3,200 and \$2,500 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 each Committee, and should either Committee require additional funding in the later part of the year, they 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 (CPC):

“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 2018 from the Dunnville and Townsend Committees comply with the requirement to focus funding requests on policing related programming expenses. The Committees have requested \$3,200 and \$2,500, respectively. The maximum grant that can be allocated at this time, in accordance with the Council resolution stated above, is \$2,500 per Committee.

It should be noted that the Dunnville CPC received a grant from Haldimand County in 2017, in the amount of \$2,300, to cover their budgeted expenses for the year. Previous to that, the group had not applied for grant money since 2014. The Townsend CPC received a County grant of \$2,400 in 2017 to cover their budgeted expenses for the year. Information provided indicates that the group has \$2,000 remaining in their bank account as of April 2018. This balance, combined with the \$2,500 request for 2018 will help offset their budgeted \$4,600 in expenses for that year.

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 2017, on hand at the May PSB meeting, should any Member of the Board wish to review. 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 CPC policing related programming expenses.

FINANCIAL/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

It is anticipated that the Dunnville and Townsend Committees will carry out their 2018 work plans by coordinating and initiating quality programs supporting community policing within Dunnville and Townsend, with the assistance of funding from the County. Therefore, it is recommended that the requested funding, in the amount of \$2,500 each, be approved.

The 2018 Haldimand County budget includes a total of \$8,240 for 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) plus \$740 of surplus funds (one time) which is to be returned to the County from the inactive Hagersville Committee. Of the \$8,240 total budget, no money has been

expended to date. Approval of the two requests outlined in this report would result in a remainder of \$3,240 being available for funding other 2018 Community Policing initiatives across Haldimand County, including additional funds being allocated to the Dunnville and Haldimand groups in the Fall should they request it. As well, the PSB is aware of the potential return of funds currently held by the Cayuga CPC if that Committee is expected to be inactive in the future. That issue will need to be clarified at a later date.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Dunnville Community Policing Committee funding request.
2. Townsend Community Policing Committee funding request.