PUBLIC AGENDA – SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, August 11, 2015, 3:30 p.m. Committee Room A, City Hall

Mayor D. Atchison, Chair Commissioner D. Brander Commissioner C. Clark Commissioner D. Hill Commissioner C. Inglis-McQuay

1. 2015 CAPITAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUEST PREDICTIVE ANALYTICS LAB

Report of Chief of Police, August 6, 2015.

Recommendation

- That the Board approve a 2015 Capital Budget expenditure adjustment of \$210,000 for one-time purchases for the development of the Predictive Analytics Laboratory; and
- 2. That the Board forward the capital budget adjustment request to City Council for approval.

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TO:

His Worship Don Atchison, Chairperson

Board of Police Commissioners

FROM:

Clive Weighill

Chief of Police

DATE:

2015 August 06

SUBJECT:

2015 Capital Budget Adjustment Request

Predictive Analytics Lab

FILE NO.:

15,012-5

ISSUE:

Police Service capital projects are typically approved as part of a corporate wide process with City Council approval coming in December of each year. On occasion, urgent matters will arise necessitating the need to consider the approval of capital projects outside of the normal timelines.

The Saskatoon Police Service has entered into an agreement with the Provincial Government and the University of Saskatchewan to develop a Predictive Analytics Laboratory located in the Saskatoon Police Headquarters. Funding for this Capital Budget project is already in place from the Province.

The premise of the Predictive Analytics Laboratory is that Saskatoon Police data if analyzed by modelling experts may improve community safety and diminish harm to victims. The proposal and the timing of the project fall outside the timelines of the normal capital project approval process.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. That the Board approves a 2015 Capital Budget expenditure adjustment of \$210,000 for one-time purchases for the development of the Predictive Analytics Laboratory.
- 2. That the Board forwards the capital budget adjustment request to City Council for approval.

DISCUSSION:

The Saskatoon Police Service was approached to work with the Government of Saskatchewan and the University of Saskatchewan to develop a Predictive Analytics Laboratory located in the

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Saskatoon Police Headquarters. The premise of the Laboratory is that Saskatoon Police data if analyzed by modelling experts may improve community safety and diminish harm to victims.

The funding for this capital project is already in place. The Government has authorized two hundred and ten thousand dollars (\$210,000) of unused provincial funding from the Serious Violent Offender (SVO) program to be used for the purposes of one-time purchases for the Predictive Analytics Laboratory. The funds will be used for purchases such as desks, computers, monitors, software and computer storage. These Provincial funds exist due to the SVO position starting later than anticipated in 2012- 2013 and have been carried over in the Police operating budget.

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