

COMMUNICATION 131111

Received From: Pascal Meunier, Director of Protective Services
Addressed To: Committee of the Whole
Date: October 13, 2020
Topic: Purchase of a Speed Spy Camera

SUMMARY

The Carleton Place Police Services Board recommends the purchase of a floor model Decatur Electronic SpeedSpy.

BACKGROUND

The Carleton Place Police Services Board has used a SpeedSpy traffic radar device to measure speeding concerns within the Town of Carleton Place for many years. The SpeedSpy currently used is owned by the Lanark County OPP Detachment and is shared throughout all eight (8) municipalities within Lanark County, and is not always available for the Town of Carleton Place to use. With the significant population growth the Town is experiencing, traffic throughout Town is increasing along with the number of traffic complaints received. The Carleton Place Police Services Board discussed this matter at its regular meeting held on September 14, 2020 and based on the advice of Sergeant Rob Croth, the Board recommends the purchase of a floor model Decatur Electronic SpeedSpy that is presently available.

DISCUSSION

The purchase of a SpeedSpy will benefit both the OPP when it receives concerns about speeding on roads in Town and will be valuable in assisting Public Works staff with traffic control in our community. The Decatur Electronic SpeedSpy model to be purchased will be extremely beneficial to the O.P.P. and Public Works since it will provide more detailed two-way street traffic statistics than currently provided by the OPP's SpeedSpy which only collects data in one direction at a time. When a speeding complaint is received, the SpeedSpy will determine whether there is in fact a traffic issue. Unlike the digital speed sign which is also used by the Town which shows drivers their speed on a display screen, the SpeedSpy is very discreet and therefore provides an accurate reflection of vehicle speeds as drivers are not aware of the device and therefore do not alter their speed when driving down a road.

At the September 14, 2020 PSB meeting, the following motion was approved:

Moved by Toby Randell

Seconded By Wayne Drummond

THAT the Police Services Board recommends to Council that an electronic Speedspy be purchased for exclusive use by the municipality at an estimated cost of \$2,200 plus HST; and

THAT staff prepare a report to Committee of the Whole regarding the recommended purchase; and

THAT a digital sign to replace the existing digital sign be brought forward during the 2021 budget process.

CARRIED

The Board is seeking Council's approval on the purchase of this device to assist with the enforcement and prevention of speeding and traffic incidents in our community.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The total discounted cost of the floor model SpeedSpy is \$2,000 plus HST which provides a savings of \$700 plus HST plus freight. The project was not included in the Department's 2020 Operating budget, however, it can be paid for through savings from the bike patrol contract which was not used in its entirety due to COVID.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council authorizes the purchase of a floor model Decatur Electronic SpeedSpy from DAVTECH Analytical Services (Canada) Inc. at a cost of \$2,000 plus HST and freight with the budget deviation be paid from savings in the 2020 bike patrol contract.