

# MEMORANDUM

To: Amherst Board of Police Commissioners  
From: Dwayne Pike, Chief of Police  
Date: June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Subject: Capital/Operational Budget Update 2018/19

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## BACKGROUND

In the 2018 Capital Budget the Amherst Police had a total of five [5] Capital Budget Items Including:

1. Sound Panels for the Cell Block Area
2. Replacement of Car #1
3. Replacement of Car #5
4. Purchase of a new Police dispatch Console
5. Replace of ballistic body armor

All of these were carried over into the 2019/2020 budget year with the exception of the Dispatch Console which was cancelled due to concerns with our current radio system and compatibility issues with TMR2. In 2019, our Capital Budget items include TMR2 Radio (\$125,000), replacement of Car 6 (\$55,000) and Fiber Communications between Amherst Police Department and the Town Hall. We also budgeted for the purchase of 14 new pistols to start replacing pistols that are 25 years old and have reached end of life.

## DISCUSSION

### 1. Sound Panels for the Cell Block area:

This item was required due to the poor sound quality of video in the cell block area. This area of the police department is one of the greatest areas of potential risk of injury to clients and officers. In 2018-2019 we have seized firearms, knives, narcotics and other items from clients in this area resulting in some situations inculpatory statements made by the client. These statements were not able to be recorded or heard on the recording system due to the sound in the cell area.

**Budget Amount Approved      \$12,000.00**

Tender awarded to 20/20 Productions in Dartmouth

Tender Price      \$8500.00      Total non-recoverable tax amount      \$8864.31

**Under Budget \$3135.69**

### 2. Replacement of Car #1

This item was required as part of the vehicle replacement program due to age, mileage and vehicle condition. To fully equip and prepare this vehicle required 4 separate tenders and resulted in a

significant delay in having the vehicle ready for the road. Future tenders will include the possibility of having the vehicle arrive fully equipped and reducing the timelines.

Car 1 has been equipped as a traffic car, with internal lights instead of roof lights. It is black in colour with the Amherst Police Department striping package partially transparent. During regular light, the striping is not readily visible, but can be seen clearly depending on light conditions and angle.

**Budget Amount Approved      \$49,000.00**

Tender for vehicle awarded to Taylor Ford Amherst

<b>Tendered Price Vehicle</b>	<b>\$32,360</b>	<b>Non recoverable tax amount</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$33,746.94</b>
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Tender for Striping of the vehicle awarded to Trim Line 3m Graphics

<b>Tender Price Striping</b>	<b>\$614.85</b>	<b>Non recoverable tax amount</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$641.20</b>
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Tender for Emergency Equipment awarded to Auto-light Atlantic

<b>Tender Price for Equipment</b>	<b>\$11467.00</b>	<b>Non recoverable tax amount</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,958.48</b>
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Tender for in car video System awarded to Watch Guard Video

<b>Tender Price Video</b>	<b>\$7292.87</b>	<b>Non recoverable tax amount</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7605.45</b>
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**Total Budget for Car #1      \$49,000.00**

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| <b>1. Car</b>       | <b>\$33,746.94</b> |
| <b>2. Equipment</b> | <b>\$11,958.48</b> |
| <b>3. Striping</b>  | <b>\$641.20</b>    |
| <b>4. Video</b>     | <b>\$7605.45</b>   |

**Total Cost spent      \$53,952.07**

**Over Budget:      \$4952.07**

The over budget amount is a result of new in-car video system. After the budget was approved our in-car video systems began to fail and eventually stopped working resulting in the requirement for a new system. Several municipal police agency in Nova Scotia have been using the Watchguard system and have found that they have exceeded their expectations. The current system we had been using by Panasonic was in the area of 10 years old and was no longer available and parts could not be obtained for the camera system resulting in a new system having to be purchased. The amount over budget will be taken from one of the capital purchases that was under-budget.

### **3.      Replacement of Car #5**

This item was required as part of our vehicle replacement program due to age, mileage and vehicle condition. The current Car 5 has been in operation for 8 years. As with Car 1, 4 separate tenders were required to ensure the vehicle was equipped. This vehicle, as with the new Car 1, is black, but has the standard APD visible striping package.

**Budget Amount Approved      \$75,000.00**

Tender for vehicle awarded to Tantramar Chev Olds Dealership

<b>Tendered Price Vehicle</b>	<b>\$37,175.00</b>	<b>Non recoverable tax amount</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$38,644.03</b>
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Tender for Striping of the vehicle awarded to Trim Line 3m Graphics

<b>Tender Price Striping</b>	<b>\$785.90</b>	<b>Non recoverable tax amount</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$819.58</b>
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Tender for Emergency Equipment awarded to Auto-light Atlantic

<b>Tender Price for Equipment</b>	<b>\$14,393.00</b>	<b>Non recoverable tax amount</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,009.88</b>
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Tender for in car video System awarded to Watch Guard Video

<b>Tender Price Video</b>	<b>\$7292.87</b>	<b>Non recoverable tax amount</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7605.45</b>
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**Total Budget for Car #1      \$75,000.00**

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| <b>1. Car</b>       | <b>\$38,644.03</b> |
| <b>2. Equipment</b> | <b>\$15,009.88</b> |
| <b>3. Striping</b>  | <b>\$819.58</b>    |
| <b>4. Video</b>     | <b>\$7605.45</b>   |

**Total Cost spent      \$62,078.94**

**Under Budget:      \$12,921.06**

The remain budget was used to off-set the overage of Car #1 and as a result the actual amount under budget for the purchase of the two vehicles was \$7968.00 under for the two vehicles.

#### **4.      Replace of ballistic body armor**

Body armor issued to police officer has a five [5] year life span and as a result is budget for replacement every 5 years. Officers wear the body armor for a total of 12 hours per shift and fit and comfort and weight is very important to the officers.

**Budget Amount Approved      \$35,000.00**

Tender awarded to Fundy Tactical in Dartmouth

Tender Price	\$21,612.00	Total non-recoverable tax amount	\$22,538.29
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**Under Budget \$12461.71**

The body armor has arrived however there is a significant issue with fit. As a result, the company has been contacted and is flying in the representative on Monday June 24 to address the issue and hopefully immediately resolve the issue.

#### **6.      TMR2 Nova Scotia Trunk Mobile Radio System**

The Nova Scotia Trunk Mobile Radio system is the system currently in use by all RCMP and all other municipal police agencies in NS. Amherst Police were one of the last police agencies to switch to this system. This system will give us an encrypted radio-based system with interoperability with other police agencies across the Atlantic Provinces. The ability to also speak directly to EHS, Fire and Search and Rescue teams also exist within the system which we currently cannot do.

Amherst Police have been working with Bell Canada and have been assigned an agent to personally work with us and Bell to provide to us the required items need to allow for a fully function system.

As well Amherst Police have been working with the Province of Nova Scotia Public Safety and Field Communications liaison officer Scott Hawkes in relation to this service as well.

**Budget Amount Approved      \$125,000.00**

\$50,000.00 of this was the Police Console amount and an additional \$75,000.00 was added. We are currently working through the process of receiving estimates for subscriber equipment and other fees. The next step in the process is a site visit from Bell representatives.

#### **7.      9mm sidearm replacement**

While this is not a capital purchase, it is a significant purchase that comes out of our operational budget. The 9mm handguns issued to APD were first issued back in the 1990's and as a result, many of our pistols are in excess of 25 years of age and have reached the end of life. While one may not consider that the firearms wear out, they do. The barrels of the firearms have a maximum number of rounds able to be fired through them before they have barrel issue failures. As part of the process we have conducted yearly maintenance of the firearms and replaced parts as required. Because of the age, we are having increasing difficulty finding kits and, in some cases, parts are no longer available.

Based on this we had requested a replacement of our firearms over a two [2] year period.

With the fact that new firearms are required this also requires the need to replace holster and the addition of a light was added to the request and approved. The lights are useful for carbine members who are transitioning between weapons and require a light source.

**Budget Amount Approved      \$25,000.00**

Tender for the firearms was awarded to MDC who is the sole source supplier for Sig Sauer Firearms in Canada

**Tendered Price Vehicle    \$1,160.19 per unit      Non recoverable tax amount    Total    \$1,209.92**  
**\$1,209.92 per unit X 14 units Total \$16,938.82**

Remaining balance of \$8061.18 Approximately left for lights and holsters

A request has been sent to the Town of Amherst to approve the purchase of the firearms

We are still in the process of completing the process for holsters and lights and expect to have completed in very early July

8. **Replacement of Car #6**

This item was required as part of our vehicle replacement program due to age, mileage and vehicle condition. We have requested that a fully equipped police car be tendered from different suppliers and have. For safety reasons, we have specified an all-wheel drive police vehicle as we have done in recent years. Our understanding is that only AWD police vehicle available is from Dodge. Ford currently might not be offering police vehicles this year, nor does Chev.

A request has been sent to the procuring officer for the Town of Amherst along with a fully outlined list of vehicle specifications and equipment specifications for a single tendered police vehicle

**Budget Amount Approved      \$55,000.00**

9. **Fiber Communications between APD to TOA**

**Budget Amount Approved      \$34,500.00**

This project is being handled by the Town of Amherst IT Department and Operations. We expect that we should have an update by September 2019.

10. **Server and VMWare**

**Budget Amount Approved      \$26,000.00**

This project is being handled by the Town of Amherst IT Department and is currently waiting for signing of the document to allow purchase. It is not a capital item, but is included in our operational budget.

More details will be available once approved.