To: City Manager  
From: Director of Finance – Kari Bolton  
Subject: RCMP Contract

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to seek approval from Council on the attached Municipal Police Unit Agreement with the RCMP for the 20 year period from 2012 to 2032.

**SUMMARY**

- The Federal and Provincial governments have approved a series of contracts to continue contract policing with the RCMP in British Columbia.
- This contract is between the province and the City of Quesnel to provide RCMP services in Quesnel.
- Municipalities that do not ratify the agreement would be required to start creating their own independent police force.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The contract maintains the same formula for costs sharing as the previous contract. Municipalities with a population over 5,000 but under 15,000 will continue to pay 70% of RCMP Costs.

One of the main themes of the negotiations between the federal government and the provincial governments was **cost containment**. The province estimates the costs of the new contract to be 0.71% per year to local governments not including any provision the cost of the new “E” Division Headquarters which is still being negotiated and will be effective in the 2012/2013 year. The contract does not take into account general salary adjustments that are provided to the RCMP members from time-to-time.

On March 30th, 2012, the Treasury Board approved a new three-year pay package for the RCMP. This includes yearly increases of 1.75%, 1.5% and 2.0%. There is also still a dispute regarding retroactive pay increases for RCMP members that is before the Courts. There were also savings in the RCMP administration area as part of the federal budget that still need to be determined.

**City’s Budget**

The City’s budget for RCMP is based on forecasts received from the RCMP on a regular basis. The budget is also based on the assumption of a full complement of 21 officers. The forecasts from the RCMP did include provisions for raises. It is difficult to assess the true cost to the City of these changes until a new forecast is received from the RCMP, which is expected in May. Because the City often does not have the full 21 officers (due to leave, etc), RCMP costs generally result in a surplus every year. Therefore, it even if these additional costs increase the next RCMP forecast, the 2012 budget for RCMP is sufficient.
BACKGROUND

The two other themes of the negotiations were

- Building a strong partnership between the three orders of government and the RCMP in relation to the delivery of policing services by the RCMP
- Building a strong accountability framework with which the RCMP and the partners would work.

As a result of the negotiations a new Local Government Contract Management Committee has been established that includes the Province and BC local governments as a forum for consultation regarding the ongoing administration of the RCMP contracts and areas of concern with administration of the contracts and proposed changes that include new costs.

Drug Recognition Training:

Council had requested more information on Drug Recognition Training for the City’s RCMP officers. At this point in time, this type of training is not available. It was previously available in the United States at a significant cost per member, but the program has been suspended.

ATTACHMENT

1. City of Quesnel Municipal Police Unit Agreement Dated April 1, 2012

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approve the attached Municipal Police Agreement dated April 1, 2012 and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.