

TO: CITY MANAGER
FROM: OIC RCMP BURNABY DETACHMENT
SUBJECT: ADDITIONS TO RCMP FLEET
PURPOSE: To acquire ten additional police vehicles.

DATE: JUNE 12, 2001

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council approve an expenditure of \$ 300,000 for the acquisition of ten police vehicles in the 2001 Capital Budget.

REPORT

Detachment management in consultation with the Director of Finance has now put in place a plan for the replacement of the existing fleet of marked and unmarked police vehicles over the next five years that has considerably regulated the annual fleet cost within the RCMP contract budget. This plan was mandated by a series of external pressures on the fleet, including federal fiscal restraint and a federal Treasury Board directive that vehicle life be extended to 165,000 kilometers from the standard 120,000 kilometers, all of which combined to leave the detachment with a rapidly aging fleet of vehicles, in numbers insufficient to our needs.

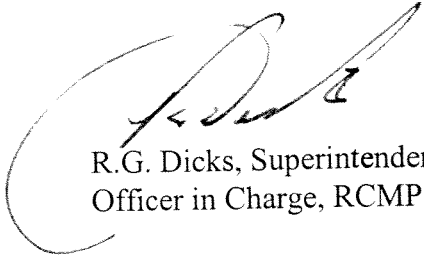
Our move to a new service delivery mode of community based policing in 1995 saw a major realignment of our human resources into such diverse areas as neighbourhood liaison units, school liaison officers and bicycle squads. The existing fleet of 99 marked and unmarked police vehicles, established years prior to the change in service delivery, is inadequate to meet the demands of this new style of policing.

The Burnaby Detachment of the RCMP requires 10 additional police vehicles to provide an acceptable level of service to our community. Without the additional vehicles, our community based programs will suffer, and we will be unable to effectively address the quality of life issues and mutual problem solving efforts that our current service model is based on.

The cost of the 10 additions to fleet is estimated at \$ 300,000, which at the 90/10 cost sharing ratio under the municipal policing contract would require a capital expenditure of \$ 270,000. These funds are presently reflected in the 2001 capital budget.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Sufficient General Revenue Funds are available and the ten vehicles are included under the 2001 RCMP Equipment Component of the 2001 - 2005 Capital Program.



R.G. Dicks, Superintendent
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cc: Director of Finance