

STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

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DATE: August 18, 2022

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

NAME AND TITLE: Adam Davey, Director of Public Safety

SUBJECT: Purchase of RCMP Victim Services Vehicle with Anonymous Donor Grant

ATTACHMENT(S): None

RECOMMENDATION(S):

THAT Council APPROVES the “RCMP Victim Services Vehicle Project” detailed in the report dated August 18, 2022, from the Director of Public Safety titled “Purchase of RCMP Victim Services Vehicle with Anonymous Donor Grant” be added to the 2022 – 2026 Financial plan with a budget of \$50,000 to be funded from 3rd Party Funding.

PURPOSE:

The RCMP Victim Services unit has graciously received a \$50,000 Grant for the purchase of a new Victim Services vehicle from a local organization that wishes to remain anonymous until they have issued a media release, sometime following Council’s Approval. Administration is seeking Council’s approval to purchase the vehicle with the grant funds.

BACKGROUND:

The RCMP Victim Services Unit is a police-based victim services program serving the City of Prince George and rural areas. The unit consists of 2 City employees and 15 dedicated volunteers and is RCMP referral based, working to ensure victims of crime receive the support they need without delay on scene, via phone, through follow up meetings and court attendance. They provide emotional support, court accompaniment and orientation, aid with completing financial compensation forms, referrals for counselling, legal and community resources, and criminal investigation information updating clients on their file status as it moves through the investigation process.

The RCMP Victim Services Unit operates with funding from the City of Prince George, the Provincial Government, as well as through donations, grants, and group fundraising activities. After 16 years, the previously donated vehicle has run its course and the unit is looking to replace it with a more reliable vehicle suited to its current needs. The Unit uses their vehicle as a mobile office, providing shelter and transportation for victims, witnesses and families while attending on scene. An organization has graciously chosen our program for a \$50,000 grant to purchase this new vehicle. The donor will be revealed when they announce the funding, in the near future.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The \$50,000 grant from an anonymous donor covers the entirety of the proposed capital project. There is no financial commitment required from the City.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

The RCMP Victim Services Unit would like to thank the local donor for its support towards purchasing a much-needed replacement Victim Services vehicle. Upon Council's approval, the vehicle will be purchased for the unit and be added to the City's fleet inventory by the beginning of September.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Adam Davey, Director of Public Safety

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APPROVED:

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Meeting date: August 29, 2022