

Date: March 30, 2026

To: **Mayor and Council.**

Name and title: Eric Depenau, Director of Administrative Services

Subject: Citizens on Patrol Program Expenses

Attachment(s):
1. RCMP Auxiliary Program Staff Report – February 2, 2026
2. Tiered Auxiliary Program Flyer

Recommendation(s):

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated March 30, 2026 from the Director of Administrative Services, titled “Citizens on Patrol Program Expenses”.

Purpose:
For Council information.

Discussion:
At the December 15th, 2025, regular meeting of Council it was resolved:

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report on the Auxiliary RCMP program that provides information and considers submission of a formal request to join the Auxiliary RCMP Program through the local Prince George RCMP detachment.

This report was presented to Council at the February 23rd, 2026, regular meeting of Council and was received for information. During the discussion a subsequent motion was made:

That Council DIRECTS Administration to return a report detailing expenses associated with the RCMP's Citizens on Patrol program.

Below is a summary of the expenses incurred in the year 2025 and an overview of the Citizens on Patrol (COP) program.

The Prince George RCMP COP program was implemented to enable volunteers to be of assistance to the Prince George RCMP Detachment. The volunteers, under the guidance of Community Policing leadership, patrol and report any suspected criminal activity and participate in initiatives like speed watches and community events.

Costs of the COP program are shared between the municipality and the RCMP with most program expenses currently funded by the RCMP. The following summary does not contemplate the municipal or RCMP staff time that goes into administering and coordinating the program.

RCMP COP Volunteers Program		
Average of 20 Volunteers		
Year	Item	Expense Amount
2025	Program Supplies	531.89
	Uniforms	1502.86
	Uniform Cleaning	687.03
	Volunteer Appreciation/ Recognition	2763.24
	Vehicle Mileage [City Paid]	671.01
	Program Insurance [City Paid]	597.8
	Program Total:	6753.83
	City Paid Expenses	1268.81

Strategic Priorities:

Exploring options to strengthen tiered policing may be viewed in relation to the pillar of social health and wellbeing priorities, specifically ensuring safety and the perception of safety in the community. This item in the strategic plan explicitly includes reference to exploring the RCMP Auxiliary program among other actions. Understanding program costs related to similar public safety initiatives may help advance this conversation.

Summary and conclusion:

This report shares information on expenses related to the COP program currently in operation between the PG RCMP detachment and the City of Prince George.

Respectfully submitted:

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Meeting date: 2026/04/27