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Subject: CITY COUNCIL - 2023 PRELIMINARY CORPORATE BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET

Comments:

Please include attached letter for review during the budget planning meeting.

Attachments:

- [ARO Support Letter - RBID.pdf](#) 407.69 KB

Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting?: No



November 24th, 2022

His Worship Mayor Clark and Saskatoon City Council
City Clerk's Office: City of Saskatoon
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RE: SPS ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE UNIT – FULLY FUNDED PERMANENT PROGRAM

The Riversdale Business Improvement District (RBID) Board of Management has twice requested that letters of support for the Alternative Response Officers (ARO's) be submitted to the Saskatoon Board of Police Commissioners. Those letters were dated March 9, 2022, and September 15, 2022, along with the Executive Director of the RBID instructed to attend and present the unanimous vote and support from the RBID to make the ARO's a permanent program.

Motion: That the Riversdale Business Improvement District support the Saskatoon Police Service in making the Alternative Response Unit a permanent program within the Saskatoon Police Service and recommends an increase of hours during the week and implementing the program on the weekends, relative to hours of when incidents are reported.

Moved By: Veronica Tricker

Seconded By: Carla Scharback

Carried: Unanimous

Recognizing the **Downtown and Riversdale Community Safety Plan 2021-2023 and the 2020-2024 Saskatoon Police Service Strategic Plan** and responding to the **2018-2021 City of Saskatoon Strategic Plan** citing the policing-specific and policing-relevant priorities, the ARO's to-date have worked to address what the Riversdale Business community has requested:

- Getting to know the people working in the neighbourhood by name, including Business Owners, Staff and Managers working daily in our District.
- Becoming familiar with area residents and visitors to our District.
- Routinely familiar with situations nearby, and addresses needing more attention than others.
- Knowing the District more intimately with where businesses and services are.
- Responding to calls with an inherent understanding of repeat incidents and issues or people surrounding the calls for service.

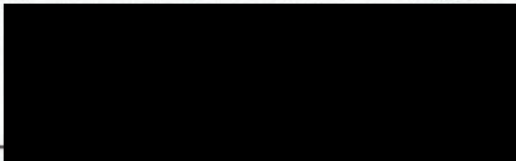


- Empathetic to the challenge of operating a business with many external social conditions affecting owners.
- The ARO's are becoming a familiar part of the community and has always been the goal to have "the neighbourhood cop" in our midst.
- Even the people that require service and are the reason for the call to Police are more accustomed to seeing the same faces of the ARO's.
- ARO's have been requested by individuals needing specific help while on the street.
- Weekend presence would be an asset with more businesses open.
- Extension of hours into the evening, even by one hour will help the early evening supper clientele and employees at the end of daytime work shifts.

Understanding the financial challenges before Council and the businesses in Riversdale facing new economic headwinds, the RBID Board of Management is very clear **that City Council be aware of the success of the Alternative Response Officers and the need to ensure it can continue as a permanent program to serve the Downtown and Riversdale neighbourhoods as they have already demonstrated.**

Your consideration shown for this District and fully funding the ARO program here is greatly appreciated.

On behalf of the RBID Board of Management



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