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Kristen Morley
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Via email: kmorley@crd.bc.ca

Dear Ms. Morley

RE: Request for Capital Regional District Sub-Regional Service Establishment – Funding for a Joint Capital Project (RCMP Detachment Financing)

We are writing with respect to a joint sub-regional project to expand the current West Shore RCMP facility. As you know, the West Shore Detachment serves the municipalities of Langford, Colwood, View Royal, Highlands, Metchosin and the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations out of an existing facility which is located in Langford. The original facility was constructed in the 1960s (the “Original Building”) and was subsequently expanded through the addition of a second separate but connected building in or about 1999 (the “Expansion”).

The municipalities of Langford, Colwood and View Royal (the “Owners”) jointly own the West Shore RCMP Detachment located at 698 Atkins Avenue in Langford. This existing detachment is nearing capacity and projections show as the communities grow, so too does the need for specialized and diversified policing services, increased use of technology, modern facilities, and a larger staff contingent to maintain the current policing level of service in the region. In order to meet these needs, the Owners are seeking to expand the existing facility through removal of the Original Building and construction of a new building in its location while maintaining the Expansion.

The municipalities of Langford, Colwood and View Royal formed a Joint Police Facilities Steering Committee in February 2023 and have been working to further define the scope of the project. Early estimates indicate that the cost will be approximately \$82 million, with a 25% contingency bringing the estimated total cost to \$103 million.

One of the many complex factors associated with a capital project of this size, especially given the number of municipalities involved, is how to best debt finance the project.

Through discussions internally with the three communities, in addition to discussions with the Municipal Finance Authority, the option of a sub-regional CRD service was brought forward as a possibility. As a result, at its meeting held November 20, 2023, the City of Langford Council passed the following resolution:

THAT Council direct staff to write a letter to the Capital Regional District (CRD) requesting that the CRD establish a subregional service for the purposes of funding a joint capital project up to \$103M.

I understand that both Colwood and View Royal have approved a resolution seeking the same as above. Therefore, the City of Langford requests that the Capital Regional District establish a sub-regional service as outlined above to allow the communities of Langford, Colwood, and View Royal to support the West Shore RCMP Facility Expansion Project. This will allow the important work and community support undertaken by the West Shore RCMP to continue, grow, and evolve. The City looks forward to a response on this matter, including a proposed timeline for establishing the service, from the CRD.

Sincerely,

Marie Watmough
Corporate Officer
Deputy Director of Corporate Services
City of Langford

CC: City of Colwood
Town of View Royal
Nelson Chan, CRD Chief Financial Officer