

Council Memo



To	City Council
Service Area	Corporate Services
Date	Wednesday, May 31, 2023
Subject	Guelph Police Service Downtown Initiative

The City has received a request from the Guelph Police Services Board to fund a supplemental staffing initiative to support the downtown community in the amount of \$260,000 from the Police Operating Contingency Reserve (115). In accordance with the [General Reserve and Reserve Fund Policy](#), Council has approval authority for the release/use of funds from this reserve.

City staff has no concerns with funding this initiative from the Police Operating Contingency Reserve (115) as there are sufficient funds and given that the current program is only being considered as a pilot on a one-time basis, it is in line with the purpose of the reserve. If the Guelph Police Board decides in the future to continue this program permanently, this would then require a budget expansion to incorporate this into the base budget.

Recommendation:

If Council supports this in-year reserve request, the following motion can be used by Council for the approval:

That the Guelph Police Services Board request dated April 20, 2023, to utilize \$260,000 of the Police Operating Contingency Reserve (115) be approved.

Attachments

Attachment-1 Guelph Police Services Board Downtown Initiative Request

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