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Report to: Victoria Police Board

Date: January 19, 2010

Subject: Police Resources in BC - 2008

Purpose

This report is for: **Information**

Executive Summary

The Provincial Government recently issued their annual report on Police Resources in British Columbia for the year 2008. The data is consistent with previous years and continues to support VicPD's position that more resources are required and the increase in policing costs for Esquimalt and Victoria is comparable to other municipal departments.

Victoria and Esquimalt continue to have the highest crime rate however, for the first year in many years it does not have the highest case load. The average municipal case load is 46, New Westminster's is 61, Abbotsford's 57 and VicPD's case load is 55. VicPD's reduction in caseload was due to the hiring of 19 additional officers.

Previous Board Policy or Decisions

None

Discussion

See attached summary

Risk Management Implications

None

Staffing Implications

Case load is still above the average which suggests more officers are still required.

Collective Agreement Issues

None

Financial or Budget Implications

An increase in strength costs approximately \$125,000 per member.

Recommendation

Follow-up, Monitoring or Reporting Back Dates Required

Attachments

Summary of statistics and comparisons

Comparisons:

Municipal Police Departments:

VicPD increase in budget 2002-2008	35.26%
Municipal Average	47.46%

VicPD cost per member (2008)	\$154,844
Municipal Average	\$162,918

VicPD cost per capita (2008):

Victoria:	\$391
Esquimalt:	\$300
Municipal Average:	\$300

VicPD increase in members 2002-2008	11.57%
Municipal Average	13.56%

VicPD case load 2008	55 cases per officer
Municipal Average	46 cases per officer

48 more officers required to meet municipal average

Comparisons:

CRD Municipal Departments:

Budget Increase 2002 to 2008

Victoria	35.54%
Esquimalt	34.12%
Oak Bay	38.09%
Central Saanich	41.04%
Saanich	31.81%

Cost per member (2008)

VicPD	\$154,844
Oak Bay	\$157,397
Central Saanich	\$171,492
Saanich	\$156,033

Cost per Capita (2008)

VicPD	\$375
Oak Bay	\$200
Central Saanich	\$233
Saanich	\$205

Why is Saanich cost per capita so low? That municipality has 14% more population than Victoria and Esquimalt combined and has 44% less crime.

Case load (2008)

VicPD	55
Oak Bay	38
Central Saanich	32
Saanich	39