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May 26, 2010

To: Members,  
Board of Police Commissioners

Re: Post Secondary / Police Co-operation Program: University Liaison Officer

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### RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received and filed.

### CONCLUSION

The University of Regina and the Regina Police Service have enhanced their relationship by developing a University Liaison Officer position for, among other matters, providing a positive police presence and support on the University campus.

### BACKGROUND

The University of Regina is the city's largest employer and is densely populated: thousands of people are on the campus daily. Campus Security manages the security needs of the University and contacts the Regina Police Service when needed. There are times, however, when critical information is not exchanged because there is no consistent contact between the two organizations. Having a police officer on campus, and in regular contact with the University of Regina, First Nations University of Canada and Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology, would enhance both formal and informal communication not only between the police and security, but also between the police and university faculty and students. In the context of community policing, this is a desirable state. Recruiting opportunities could also arise from this arrangement. The Regina Police Service, the University of Regina, First Nations University of Canada, Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology, and the people making up those communities will benefit from the creation of this position.

### DISCUSSION

The University President and Chief of Police discussed a post-secondary / police co-operation program and agreed it was desirable. As a result, the Regina Police Service Liaison Officer position at the University of Regina has been created. This officer provides assistance and guidance to the administration, faculty and students on mutual issues and concerns. The liaison officer's duties include:

- To develop positive attitudes toward police officers and Campus Security through a positive working relationship beneficial to both parties;
- To provide Campus Security and University administrators, staff and students with a resource in the areas of law and police work in the community;
- To provide Regina Police Service members with an understanding of the culture and challenges in a student / academic environment;

- To provide information to students on the law, the work of the police, and legal consequences of criminal behaviour;
- To provide individual counseling and assistance to students relative in respect of criminal matters;
- To gather information on crimes and related security and policing issues in the university community;
- To reduce crime on University property and in the community;
- To help create a safe post-secondary environment on the University campuses;
- The University has exchange students living on campus from around the world who are perhaps not particularly knowledgeable about Canadian Law. A full-time Liaison Officer will be in a position to hold workshops or informational lectures for these students to assist them acquire a working knowledge of the laws in Canada;
- A Liaison Officer, in conjunction with the Human Resources Section, will be able to focus efforts toward the recruitment of potential police officers.

### RECOMMENDATION IMPLICATIONS

#### Financial Implications

The costs of this position are included in the Regina Police Service 2010 budget. The University of Regina and the Regina Police Service share the cost of this position, with the University contributing \$30,000 annually.

#### Environmental Implications

None with respect to this report.

#### Strategic Implications

None with respect to this report.

#### Other Implications

None with respect to this report.

### COMMUNICATIONS

None with respect to this report.

Respectfully submitted,



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