

Fact Document – Second Quarter Financial Update 2022

The Surrey Police Board is committed to transparency related to policing costs. As such, the Board is issuing the following statement of facts.

On Friday July 22, the City of Surrey released its Quarterly Financial Report – Second Quarter – 2022. The report goes into some detail regarding the \$194.8M police operations budget of which the Surrey Police Board is responsible for \$72.5M (37%). This document breaks down existing and projected costs associated to ramping up Surrey Police Service (SPS) and demobilizing the RCMP.

The City of Surrey established a one-time, police transition project budget of \$63.7M to fund infrastructure development including information technology (IT) and salaries associated to hiring and recruiting employees of SPS. Currently, this budget is projected to be underspent by \$6.4M this year, mostly due to timing on major capital investments related to IT.

Within Surrey Police Service's operational budget of \$72.5M, SPS currently has a year-to-date surplus of \$4.9M (including funds for capital/equipment) and a projected surplus of \$1.7M by the end of year. Within this budget, SPS has hired and deployed 120 police officers to the front line, with more in training and being prepared for deployment; and has built an administrative cadre of approximately 80 police officers and 50 civilian support staff to build the systems, structures, and policies needed to meet all provincial requirements and to be operationally ready when SPS assumes police of jurisdiction.

The remainder of the City of Surrey police operations budget belongs to City Police Support Services (\$25.6M) and the RCMP Contract allocation (\$96.7M). Based on the information outlined in the City of Surrey report, the overall police budget deficit is based on the following:

1. The rate of RCMP demobilization has been slower than anticipated.
2. The RCMP is targeting the active strength of 734, which is not meeting the budget assumption of 691 police officers for 2022.
3. Late 2021 and early 2022 saw significant federal security clearance delays for SPS officers being integrated into police operations in Surrey.
4. SPS is continuing to hire as per budget and HR plan and will not slow the pace of hiring in order to progress the transition.

Surrey Police Service, with support of the Board intends to continue hiring and preparing to become police of jurisdiction. The key cost drivers of the transition will be significantly reduced once SPS becomes the police of jurisdiction, as it will have greater control of deployment of SPS officers and demobilization of RCMP officers.

Information on the Police Operations budget is found on page 10-12 of the [City of Surrey Quarterly Financial Report – Second Quarter – 2022](#).