

Report to / Rapport au:

**OTTAWA POLICE SERVICES BOARD
LA COMMISSION DE SERVICES POLICIERS D'OTTAWA**

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**SUBJECT: EXPANDED DEPLOYMENT FOR CONDUCTED ENERGY WEAPONS:
PHASE TWO**

**OBJET: PHASE DEUX DU DÉPLOIEMENT ÉLARGI DES ARMES À
IMPULSIONS**

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Ottawa Police Services Board approve delegated authority to the Chief of Police to award a contract to procure 400 CEWs for a total contract value of \$1.4 million over a five-year period with M.D. Charlton Co. Ltd.

RECOMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT

Que la Commission de services policiers d'Ottawa délègue au chef de police le pouvoir d'attribuer un contrat pour l'acquisition de 400 armes à impulsions, contrat d'une valeur totalisant 1,4 million de dollars sur une période de cinq ans, à la firme M.D. Charlton Co. Ltd.

BACKGROUND

On August 27, 2013, the Ontario Ministry of Community and Correctional Services announced that it would change the guidelines associated with the use of Conducted Energy Weapons (CEWs) by police to allow for the expanded deployment of the devices. On November 25, 2013, the revised guidelines entitled "Revised Use of Force

Guideline and Training Standards to Support Expanded Conducted Energy Weapon Use” were issued.

Following a review and consultation process, the Ottawa Police Services Board (Board) approved, in 2018, a three year plan to deploy CEWs to all sworn members. The plan equips and trains roughly 800 members in 2018 and 2019, dropping to 250 members in 2020, at which point all existing Sworn staff will be qualified. In the years that follow the focus will be on new recruits. Training for new recruits and direct entry officers will be built into onboarding and recruit training programs at PDC.

The sequence for phase-in prioritizes the Directorates which deal most with emergency calls for service as shown below.

Timeframe	Number	Directorate
Phase 1 2018	400 CEWs	Frontline Directorate (FLD)
		Community Response and Frontline Support Services (CRFSS)
		Support Services Directorate (SSD)
Phase 2 2019	400 CEWs	Training and Development Directorate (TDD)
		Criminal Investigations Directorate (CID)
		30 Additional positions requested for 2019
Phase 3 2020	250 CEWs	Corporate Services Directorate
		Executive Services Directorate (ESD)
		30 Additional positions requested for 2020
On-going 2021+	30 CEWs	30 Additional positions requested for 2021

In 2018, a total of 434 officers were trained on CEW use, in accordance with Use of Force training mandates.

DISCUSSION

The OPS currently owns 630 CEWs, and as part of the approved plan it is requesting to purchase an additional 400 units to complete Phase 2 of the 3 year plan. The completion of Phase 2 will fully equip all frontline officers with a CEW. Those who receive the CEWs will undergo specialized training for deployment.

The OPS is recommending acquire the additional 400 CEWs in Phase 2 through an evergreen leasing arrangement. By matching operating costs over the useful life of the device, the lease will allow for a budget-base to be established in order to ensure funding is continually available to replace aging devices.

The distributor has agreed to a five-year lease which matches the lifespan of a CEW. By moving to a leasing agreement, the OPS can effectively remain on pace with improvements in technology while meeting established budgetary measures.

Financial Implications

The 2019 budget includes the funding necessary to provide for the next phase of CEW Roll-Out Plan described above. The Professional Development Centre budget includes \$300,000 of on-going base budget funding to support the 5 year lease acquisition of 400 additional CEW's. The lease with M.D. Charlton Co. Ltd. is structured with 10 semi-annual payments of \$137, 371 plus HST.

Police services in Ontario employing CEW's are required to purchase models sanctioned by the Ontario Ministry of Public Safety and Correctional Services. Currently, only models manufactured by TASER International are approved. The X2 and X26P models were authorized for use by the Ministry in later 2014.

M.D. Charlton Co. Ltd. is the only authorized distributor of the Taser in Canada and transactions with this company should be considered sole source ones. Quotes were obtained from them for the supply of the purchase but it was decided that leasing would be a better option in order to stabilize our base budget moving forward.

CONSULTATION

Not applicable Not applicable.

CONCLUSION

This report details a plan to procure 400 new CEW devices to complete phase 2 of the 3 year plan to fully deploy CEW's to all sworn officers. The CEW's will be procured through a 5 year evergreen lease which allows for a budget-base to be created and ensures funding is available to replace aging devices.

It is recommended that the Board delegate authority to the Chief of Police to award a contract to procure 400 CEW's for a total contract value of \$1.4 million over a five-year period with M.D. Charlton Co. Ltd.