

Report to / Rapport au:

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

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**SUBJECT: DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR CONDUCTED ENERGY WEAPON
AND CARTRIDGE PURCHASE**

**OBJET: DÉLÉGATION DE POUVOIRS RELATIVE À L'ACHAT D'ARMES À
IMPULSIONS ET DE CARTOUCHES**

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Ottawa Police Services Board delegate authority to the Chief for the immediate sole source purchase of 40 replacement Conducted Energy Weapons (CEW) for 2020 (attached in Document 1) at a cost of \$168,720.88 (\$190,654.59 with HST) and 30 additional CEWs (attached in Document 2) to account for front line growth for a cost of \$129,010.68 (\$145,782.07 with HST); as well as the purchase of operational and training CEW cartridges for 2020 (attached in Document 3), for a total of \$262,350.00 (\$296,455.50 with HST), to be paid to M.D. Charlton Co. Ltd.

RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT

Que la Commission de services policiers d'Ottawa délègue son autorité au chef de police pour l'achat immédiat à un fournisseur unique de 40 armes à impulsions de remplacement pour 2020 (voir document 1) pour la somme de 168 720,88 \$ (190 654,59 \$ avec la TVH), l'achat de 30 armes à impulsions supplémentaires (voir document 2) relatif à la croissance de l'effectif de première ligne pour la somme de 129 010,68 \$ (145 782,07 \$ avec la TVH) et l'achat de

cartouches d'intervention et d'entraînement pour ces armes à impulsions pour 2020 (voir document 3), pour un total de 262 350,00 \$ (296 455,50 avec la TVH) payable à M.D. Charlton Co. Ltd.

BACKGROUND

Following a review and consultation process, the Ottawa Police Services Board (the Board) approved, in 2018, a three-year plan to deploy CEWs to all sworn members who operate in a frontline capacity. The plan has equipped and trained roughly 960 sworn members by end of year 2020. The focus this year has been on equipping and training new recruits and managing the lifecycle of the Ottawa Police Service (OPS) CEW inventory. Cartridges are required to maintain operational and training requirements of CEW operators.

DISCUSSION

The lifespan of a CEW is five years. The OPS currently owns 1000 operational CEWs. In order to maintain operational requirements, the purchase of 40 CEWs is required in 2020 to maintain lifecycle management. An additional 30 CEWs are required to equip front line growth officers, for a total of 70 new units.

Because there are limited manufacturers of these devices and their associated charge cartridges, the purchase of these items fall under the non-competitive purchase requisition policy. This vendor is M.D. Charlton Co. Ltd., which is the only authorized distributor of the Taser (and cartridges) in Canada.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost associated with purchasing 70 new CEWs is \$297,731.56 (\$336,436.66 with HST) and cartridges \$262,350.00 (\$296,455.50 with HST). The 2020 Budget contains the funding necessary for this purchase as outlined in this report. The CEW program is budgeted for in the Professional Development Centre (PDC) equipment account, 124122-506178. The budget in that account is \$1,148K and the unspent balance is \$743K.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Document 1: Quote – 40 CEWs and required accessories

Document 2: Quote – 30 CEWs and required accessories

Document 3: Quote – CEW cartridges

CONCLUSION

OPS officers continue to manage their interactions with the community using communication de-escalation methods as the primary approach. Equipping and training our frontline officers with CEW's has proven to add value and increase the tools that an officer can utilize depending on the situation encountered. Staff are recommending that that the Board delegate authority to the Chief of Police to approve the payment of this quote from M.D. Charlton Co. Ltd. in the amount of \$297,731.56 (\$336,436.66 with HST) plus cartridges for \$262,350.00 (\$296,455.50 with HST).