

**Report to / Rapport au:**

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

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**SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT CONDUCTED ENERGY WEAPONS (CEWs)  
PURCHASES**

**OBJET: ACHATS D'ARMES À IMPULSIONS DE REMPLACEMENT**

**REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

**That the Ottawa Police Services Board delegate authority to the Chief for the purchase of replacement CEWs and training cartridges for 2019 (attached in Document 1 and Document 2) for a total of \$441,765.40 (\$499,194.90 with HST), to be paid to M.D. Charlton Co. Ltd.**

**RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT**

**Que la Commission de services policiers d'Ottawa délègue au chef de police le pouvoir d'acheter des armes à impulsions de remplacement et des cartouches de formation pour 2019 (conformément aux pièces 1 et 2 ci-jointes) pour un total de 441 765,40 \$ (soit 499 194,90 \$ en tenant compte de la TVH), à verser à M.D. Charlton Co. Ltd.**

**BACKGROUND**

Following a review and consultation process, the Ottawa Police Services Board (Board) approved, in 2018, a three-year plan to deploy Conducted Energy Weapons (CEWs) to all sworn members who operate in a frontline capacity. The plan has equipped and trained roughly 880 sworn members by end year 2019.

The focus moving forward will be on equipping and training new recruits and lifecycle management. The OPS reports on the use of force statistics on a yearly basis as part of the Annual Report. We continue to assess the current and potential future use of force options available to police including CEWs.

## **DISCUSSION**

The lifespan of a CEW is five years. The Ottawa Police Service (OPS) currently owns 1200 operational CEWs, 100 of which were assigned to members in 2015 and will need to be replaced going into 2020.

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 replacing the expired CEWs that are ending their life-cycle is \$296,507.40 (\$335,053.96 with HST). As the new CEWs come at a greater cost, this allotment of money will allow for the purchase of 80 CEWs which meets the needs in overall CEWs carried by our officers. see Document 1. And additional \$145,258.00 (\$164,141.54 with HST) will need to be spent to acquire replacement cartridges for annual requalification training, see Document 2.

Funding has already been secured for this purchase within the OPS training budget.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

Document 1: Purchase Order

Document 2: Purchase Order

## **CONCLUSION**

It is recommended that the Board delegate authority to the Chief of Police to approve the payment of these two quotes from M.D. Charlton Co. Ltd. in the amount of \$441,765.40.