

**Report to  
Rapport au:**

**Council  
Conseil**

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**File Number: ACS2019-OCC-CPO-0001**

**SUBJECT: CRIME PREVENTION OTTAWA 2019 DRAFT BUDGET**

**OBJET: PRÉVENTION DU CRIME OTTAWA – BUDGET DE  
FONCTIONNEMENT PRÉLIMINAIRE 2019**

#### **REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

**That City Council receive and table the Crime Prevention Ottawa Draft 2019  
Operating Budget at its meeting of February 6, 2019 for subsequent  
consideration by Council in Committee of the Whole to be held March 6, 2019.**

#### **RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT**

**Que le Conseil municipal reçoive et dépose le budget de fonctionnement  
préliminaire 2019 de Prévention du crime Ottawa à sa réunion du 6 février 2019,  
en vue de son étude en comité plénier par le Conseil le 6 mars 2019.**

## **BACKGROUND**

On December 5, 2018, Council approved a term of Council budget process as part of the 2018-2022 Council Governance Review report ([ACS2018-CCS-GEN-0028](#)). The adopted recommendation for the 2018-2022 term of Council process for the tax and rate supported budgets largely mirror the budget process approved by the previous Council. The guideline establishes that the municipal portion of the residential tax bill for City Services will not increase by more than 3.0% for 2019. Current operations of Crime Prevention Ottawa (CPO) are recommended to receive the 3% increase.

To address emerging crime and community safety issues in Ottawa, notably a significant increase in gun violence, CPO's budget for "Transfers/Grants/Financial Charges" is proposed to increase, for one year, by \$250,000 from the tax stabilization fund. It is expected that new funds will become available from provincial sources, that funding will be used to support this increase.

## **DISCUSSION**

The City of Ottawa, like many cities across Canada, has seen a troubling shift in street level violence. The number of shootings has increased along with the associated injuries, deaths and fear. We need to act immediately to address the problem and to support at-risk youth and neighbourhoods with initiatives that prevent violence and build community.

An increase to CPO's granting budget of \$250,000 is an investment in a safer city. This money will allow CPO to fund strategic grants that address our city's most pressing crime and community safety priorities. We will continue to focus on street violence and support our vulnerable neighbourhoods and youth, including Aboriginal and racialized youth, who are at greater risk of crime involvement and victimization.

Crime Prevention Ottawa's Annual Report, tabled in June 2018 ( [ACS2018-CCS-CPS-0008](#) ), clearly demonstrates the results of CPO's community investments. The evaluation noted that nearly 19,000 people benefited directly from crime prevention initiatives, and an additional 15,000 benefited indirectly. CPO funded a range of programming, including:

- The gang exit program, Time for Change, which worked with 33 men to actively engage them in leaving gang life.
- Training modules and videos to support youth workers and volunteers who deliver after-school programs to at-risk youth.
- Community building after shootings in Jasmine Crescent; there, we worked with schools, faith groups, service providers and volunteers.
- Training for 6,300 event and festival volunteers, who learned how to prevent sexual violence at large events; the program gained international media attention.

Crime Prevention Ottawa is well-positioned to be an agent of change. As a recognized thought leader and community builder, CPO has built relationships and brought the right people together to address our communities' safety priorities. A one-time increase to our community granting budget will allow us to make targeted strategic investments in 2019 and address priority safety challenges in our communities.

Attached are the Crime Prevention Ottawa 2019 Draft Operating Budget estimates, which represent an increase of 3.0% to the Board's 2018 Budget and an additional one-year funding of \$250,000 for community grants from the tax stabilization fund. New funds are expected to become available from provincial sources, that funding will be used to support this increase.

**RURAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no rural implications associated with this report.

**CONSULTATION**

The Board of Directors of Crime Prevention Ottawa.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no legal impediments to implementing the recommendations of this report.

**RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

There are no risk implications.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

As outlined in this report.

**ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS**

There are no accessibility impact implications with this report.

**TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no technology implications associated with this report.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

Document 1 - 2019 Draft Operating Budget

**DISPOSITION**

Budgets will be amended as per Council deliberation and adoption.