

Report to / Rapport au:

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

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**SUBJECT: LIFECYCLE MANAGEMENT PURCHASE CONDUCTED ENERGY
WEAPONS (CEWS)**

**OBJET: ACHAT DE GESTION DU CYCLE DE VIE – ACHATS D'ARMES À
IMPULSIONS ET DE CARTOUCHES**

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Ottawa Police Services Board delegate authority to the Chief for the immediate purchase of 200 replacement Conducted Energy Weapons (CEW) for 2021 at a cost of \$682,112.78 (\$770,787.44 with HST);

In addition, the purchase of operational and training CEW cartridges for 2021, for a total of \$354,871.00 (\$401,004.23 with HST).

RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT

Que la Commission de services policiers d'Ottawa délègue l'autorité au chef de police pour l'achat immédiat de 200 armes à impulsions de remplacement pour 2021 au coût de 682 112,78\$ (770 787,44\$ avec la TVH);

De plus, l'achat de cartouches aux fins opérationnelles et de formation pour 2021, totalisant 354 871,00\$ (401 004,23\$ avec la TVH).

BACKGROUND

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 who operate in a frontline capacity. The plan has equipped and trained approximately 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 OPS CEW inventory. Cartridges are required to maintain operational and training requirements of CEW operators.

All OPS training programs are built with a foundation in de-escalation and communication skills as these are emphasized as the most important and effective tools available to officers.

OPS continues to focus on training that strengthens an officers de-escalation and communication competencies when dealing with people in crisis, including cases involving mental health issues. This includes a model to assist officers in articulating why and how they dealt with an individual in crisis.

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 operational lifespan of a CEW is five years. The Ottawa Police Service (OPS) currently possesses 1000 CEWs. The purchase of 200 CEWs is required in 2021 to maintain the lifecycle management plan.

There are two Canadian distributors of CEWs and cartridges, Axon Public Safety Canada and MD Charlton. Both companies supply the newest CEW (Taser 7) and required cartridges and accessories for that model. Axon does not supply cartridges or accessories for the older model (X2). Quotes from both companies are attached. MD Charlton are the sole suppliers of X2 cartridges which are required as OPS still maintains an inventory of X2's. The costs provided by Axon are lower, therefore the recommendation is the purchase of CEW and Taser 7 cartridges from Axon and purchase X2 cartridges from MD Charlton.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost associated with purchasing 200 new CEWs is \$682,112.78 (\$770,787.44 with HST) and cartridges \$354,871.00 (\$401,004.23 with HST). The 2021 Budget contains the funding necessary for this purchase.

Funding Summary:

	Budget	Actual YTD Spend	Available Budget
124122 506178 - PDC Fixed Assets	\$ 1,202,600	\$ (513,283)	\$ 689,317
910230 - Evergreening of Assets 2021	\$ 635,000	\$ -	\$ 635,000
909883 - Evergreening of Assets 2020	\$ 90,000	\$ (29,697)	\$ 60,303
Totals	\$ 1,927,600	\$ (542,980)	\$ 1,384,620
2021 CEWs Purchase Request			\$ 1,055,235
Remainder			\$ 329,385

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Document 1: Quote – 200 CEW

Document 2: Quote – CEW Cartridges (Taser 7)

Document 3: Quote – CEW cartridges (X2)

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the Board delegate authority to the Chief of Police to approve the payment of these quotes from Axon Public Safety Canada for 200 CEWs and Taser 7 cartridges in the amount of \$932,512.00 (\$1,053,738.56 with HST) and to M.D. Charlton Co. Ltd. For X2 cartridges in the amount of \$104,471.00 (\$118,052.23 with HST).

The total cost to OPS's budget for CEWs and cartridges is \$1,055,235, which includes the nonrefundable tax portion.