

## RCMP: Geographically Targeted Bike Patrol Units (Synopsis)

**NOTE: Due to the confidential nature of the information contained in the full business case a synopsis is provided.**

### **Overview**

In the 2019-2023 Financial Plan, Council approved the addition of 15 new RCMP members over a five-year period starting in 2020. In 2020, the first three new members arrived and were focused on mental health and crime reduction. Three additional members have arrived with a start date of September 1<sup>st</sup> with one member assigned to the General Investigative Section (GIS) and two members assigned to General Duty (front line policing). The remaining nine additional members are budgeted to be added in 2022, 2023 & 2024. The addition of these Members address Nanaimo's population growth but do not provide sufficient capacity to address workload issues.

### **Business Case Highlights**

There will be an additional four bike patrol members on an afternoon shift patrolling the downtown for five evenings a week and attending to calls in the downtown area. The units would also proactively work in an outreach capacity with the Community Outreach Team. These units would provide BAR watch and night festivals/street market presence, creating a better atmosphere to reignite citizen activity and engagement in the downtown.

### **Financial Analysis**

The projected impact for four additional bike patrol members effective April 1, 2022 is \$488,000 in 2022.

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommended adding four geographically targeted bike patrol members effective April 1, 2022 to the 2022 – 2024 Draft Financial Plan.