

Report to / Rapport au:

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

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SUBJECT: PURCHASE OF CONDUCTED ENERGY WEAPONS

OBJET: ACHAT D'ARMES À IMPULSIONS

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Ottawa Police Services Board approve the sole source purchase of 140 conducted energy weapons (X2 model) from M. D. Charlton Co. Ltd at a cost of \$265,290.20 exclusive of all taxes.

RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT

Que la Commission de services policiers d'Ottawa approuve l'achat de 140 armes à impulsions (modèle x2) du fournisseur exclusif M.D. Charlton Co. Ltd, au coût de 265,290.20 \$ à l'exclusion des taxes.

BACKGROUND

Police services in Ontario employing Conducted Energy Weapons (CEWs) are required to purchase models sanctioned by the Ontario Ministry of Public Safety and Correctional Services. Currently, only models manufactured by TASER International are approved. The X2 and X26P models were authorized for use by the Ontario Ministry of Public Safety and Correctional Services in late 2014.

DISCUSSION

To support deployment, and in keeping with the lifecycle management plan, the Ottawa Police Service (OPS) is seeking to purchase 140 new CEWs to gradually replace unserviceable units throughout the coming year. This will assist in maintaining ready access to the device and ultimately, ensure public and officer safety.

OPS currently has an inventory of 450 CEWs, for the uses permitted by the Board in accordance with the deployment approval granted in April 2014. The groups listed below are eligible for deployment of the CEW:

- Frontline supervisors
- Members of tactical/hostage rescue teams
- Members of preliminary perimeter control and containment teams
- First class constables who are coach officers or who meet all of the following criteria:
 1. are recommended by their Platoon NCO
 2. have good overall work performance
 3. are assigned to areas or functions where frontline ready access can be improved
- An experienced officer on patrol with previous experience carrying a CEW and who meets criteria 1 through 3 above.

In Q1 of 2018 staff will bring forward a report asking for the Board to expand the permitted use of CEWs to other sworn personnel. The report will summarize the results of consultation on the matter, describe the de-escalation training that has been a companion to expanded CEW deployment, and discuss the rationale for deploying this use of force option to other members.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The purchase is a sole source one, given that there is only one authorized supplier of TASER products in Canada. In accordance with the Board's Financial Accountability Procedures (FAP) Manual a sole source purchase which exceeds \$100,000 requires the approval of the Board.

Funding of \$285,000 is available for this request and the associated holsters (\$12,000) in the following capital projects:

Capital Project Number	904133	906556	907075	907922
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Approved Budget to Date	1,370,000	320,000	350,000	1,020,000
Total Paid and Committed	<u>1,279,053</u>	<u>283,178</u>	<u>322,762</u>	<u>672,727</u>
Balance Available	90,947	36,822	27,238	347,273
Total Balance Available	502,280			
This Request	277,000			
Remaining Balance	225,280 (in 907922)			

CONCLUSION

CEWs are an approved and effective use of force option for police officers in Ontario. A practical lifecycle management plan was developed to ensure ready access to the devices, and to replace unserviceable units in a timely and fiscally responsible manner.

The OPS is carrying out that plan with the ultimate goal of enhancing public and officer safety.