



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

MEMORANDUM

TO: Patti Bridal, Chief Administrative Officer **FILE:** 7400-30
PC: Kevin Poole, Director, Corporate Administration **DATE:** September 27, 2024
FROM: Geoff Gaucher, General Manager
RCMP Support Services
SUBJECT: RCMP YOUTH ACADEMY GRANT INCREASE REQUEST

At their Committee of the Whole meeting of October 12, 2010, Council received a delegation from representatives of the Jean Minguy Memorial RCMP Youth Academy (Attachment 1) and during their Regular meeting adopted the following resolution:

THAT Council approves the inclusion of \$6,000 as a line item in the 2011 RCMP budget for the Jean Minguy Memorial RCMP Youth Academy for a 3-year term.

Representatives of the Youth Academy made further 3-year funding requests to Council in the amount of \$6,000 for 2013 and again in 2016. In August 2019, a request was made for an additional 3 years of funding which included an increase to \$6,500. Although no motion was made by Council at that time, funding was provided within the RCMP Support Services operating budget. The Youth Academy program was not held in 2020 or 2021.

The Youth Academy is requesting that Council consider funding a 3-year term at cost of \$8,000 per year. The increased costs are due to rising expenses (Attachment 2).

Funding increase requests have been made to the other partner municipalities involved in the Youth Academy. Kelowna currently provides support in the amount of \$6,000, Penticton \$3,000 and Coldstream \$1,000. In 2023, participants from the Vernon School District comprised 18 out of the 38 students attending the 2024 Youth Academy.

Administration is supportive of the \$8,000 in funding to support the Youth Academy program. Administration is seeking an additional \$2,000 in annual funding as we plan to move the existing \$6,000 funds for the program from the RCMP Support Services operating budget into the Finance Grants in Aid operating budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receive the memorandum titled "RCMP Youth Academy Grant Increase Request" dated September 27, 2024 and respectfully submitted by the General Manager, Municipal Support Services;

AND FURTHER, that Council support a service request for \$8,000 in annual funding for a 3-year term from 2025 to 2027 for the Jean Minguy Memorial RCMP Youth Academy program be brought forward to 2025 budget deliberations.

Respectfully submitted:



Geoff Gaucher
General Manager
Municipal Support Services

Approved for the Agenda by the CAO 

Attachment 1 – 2010 Delegation Information - Jean Minguy Memorial Youth Academy
Attachment 2 – Letter dated September 17, 2024 from Constable Neil Horne