



INFORMATION REQUEST

INFORMATION REQUEST #: IR-17-25

REQUESTED BY: Councillor Bennett

TOPIC: Reclassification of Bylaw Officers

DATE OF REQUEST: Prior to GPC Meeting 2025

DATE OF RESPONSE: November 17, 2025

QUESTION:

Will the reclassification of Bylaw Officers to Peace Officers also result in increased revenue?

Response

While the conversion of bylaw officers on the watch to CPOs certainly has the potential to result in a modest increase in revenue, it is a bit difficult to qualify. Currently, any tickets they issue (and there are a number of them) are restricted to parking offences, which aside from fire hydrant tickets are fairly small when compared to moving traffic violations such as speeding/red lights or other traffic offences. As such, we would anticipate SOME increase in fine returns as those officers encounter traffic violations either during the course of their regular duties or when on specific traffic operations which they would be able to participate in following reclassification.

Administration didn't necessarily budget more revenue because we didn't want to pre-suppose the business case being approved. Additionally, any additional revenue would be negligible for 2026 as it would take some time to transition existing officers due to requirements necessary for training and officially receiving their appointments from the Province. If approved, Administration would re-evaluate as necessary throughout the year in terms of forecast and for the 2027 budget. The real benefit is the ability to address all issues of concern in the portfolio and officer retention vs. revenue.

Background

Shared in the response above

Financial Implications/Taxation Impact

As outlined in the budget presentation and business case.

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