

Memo

November 10, 2017

To: His Worship the Mayor
Members of Council

Re: Purchase of a New Police Headquarters Building

I am very pleased to share with you that today we announced publically our purchase of the former Saskatchewan Transportation Company (STC) bus depot and head office for a new police headquarters.

At the November 15 meeting of Executive Committee, Administration will bring forward a recommendation for purchase approval that contemplates using a combination of reserves as the funding source for the purchase and associated renovations. Council approval will be considered at the November 27 City Council meeting.

A new police headquarters is the City's number one facility priority and the opportunity to purchase the STC building from the Saskatchewan Government at a cost of \$16.25 million was too good to pass up. By utilizing this new building and the existing headquarters, we will be able to provide RPS with a completely refurbished home.

It's expected a further \$21 million will be needed to repurpose the former STC building along with facility improvements to the existing RPS headquarters. The approximately \$37 million required to purchase the STC building, two parking lots, and enhancements to the current headquarters, is about one-third the estimated \$140 million cost to construct a new police headquarters.

In addition to the STC bus depot and head office at 1734 Osler Street, the City's successful bid includes parking lots at 1644 Osler Street (across Saskatchewan Drive) and 1773 and 1775 Broad Street, on the same block as the STC building.

This action to pursue the STC depot shows that we're quick to seize opportunities and be innovative. I want to thank Barry Lacey, Rob Court, Jill Hargrove and their teams in leading this initiative which provides the Regina Police Service with a functional and well-designed facility that will allow for the effective delivery of services to the community and accommodates growth for the next 25 years.

Originally built in 1977, Regina's police headquarters is now home to 575 employees, both sworn officers and civilian personnel. Changes in policing methods over the past four decades, along with technology, exhibit holding and case management, has resulted in significant overcrowding that has meant some employees and business units were moved to other facilities around the City. The size, condition and location of the STC facility provides a unique opportunity to create a campus that allows RPS to maintain a centralized location.

This is a demonstrated example of One City, One Team.

Sincerely,

Chris Holden
City Manager

cc: ELT
Directors
Managers