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BARRIE POLICE SERVICES BOARD - POLICE SERVICES AND THE PROPOSED 2011 BUDGET

Doug Jure, Chair of the Barrie Police Services Board and Chief of Police Mark Neelin provided a presentation to members of City Council concerning the proposed 2011 Budget for the Barrie Police Service. Mr. Jure stated that the Barrie Police Services Board is proposing a 9.7% increase over their 2010 budget, for a total amount of \$42 million. He noted that calls of service have increased over the past year and that additional resources are needed to manage the complex demands on the police service. He provided statistics concerning the annual number of calls for service and reviewed the results from a survey conducted in 2006 regarding Barrie policing. Mr. Jure provided comparison information related to a number of benchmarking statistics with other similar sized municipalities and outlined the five core services that the Police Services Act of Ontario sets out including: preventing crime; enforcing the law; assisting victims of crime; maintaining public order and responding to emergencies.

Mr. Jure explained that the 2011 budget request reflects annualized costs associated with staff hired in 2010, as well as salaries and benefits related to existing staff and 10 additional sworn officers and 4 civilian staff members to be hired in 2011. He explained that the Barrie Police Services Board has pursued a number of efficiencies and streamlining initiatives. Mr. Jure concluded by stating that it is the Board's intent to provide a four year budget analysis in order to plan for policing needs in the upcoming years.

Members of City Council asked a number of questions related to the presentation.