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PRESENTATION - BARRIE POLICE SERVICES BOARD REGARDING THE CONSOLIDATED OPERATIONS CENTRE FOR THE BARRIE POLICE

Doug Jure, Chair of the Barrie Police Services Board provided a presentation to City Council concerning the concept of a consolidated operations centre for the Barrie Police. Mr. Jure introduced Police Chief Mark Neelin and Deputy Chief Bruce Carlson noting that both he and Chief Neelin are advocates for the consolidated operations centre for the Police Service. Mr. Jure provided statistics concerning the Barrie Police Service commenting that the police are currently working from three separate buildings. Mr. Jure stated that since 2003 there have been three separate studies commissioned regarding police accommodation. He noted that each of the studies has recommended a consolidated operations centre. Mr. Jure stated that the police have outgrown their current buildings.

Mr. Jure explained that the police are seeking a centralized location with a functional building that meets the requirements of the Ontario Police Services Act and the Ontario Building Code. He commented that the Board believes the consolidated building approach will lead to cost savings in a number of areas including administration, security, communications, leasing, travel and fees. He observed that the predicted cumulative savings over ten years will be \$5.8 million. He stated that the current facilities are at capacity and that he believes the operational efficiencies are not being achieved. Mr. Jure commented that he feels the three phase approach to delivering a consolidated facility provided in the City of Barrie staff report dated April 11, 2011 is a reasonable approach and solution. He concluded by requesting City Council to approve phase 1 and phase 2 of the three phase approach.

Members of City Council asked a number of questions concerning the presentation.