

Municipality Of Chatham-Kent
Community Human Services
Housing Services

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Ray Harper, Director of Housing Services

Date: April 26, 2021

Subject: Installation of Video Surveillance System for Municipality of Chatham-Kent's Public Housing Apartment Complex

Recommendation

It is recommended that:

1. The purchase and installation of a video security surveillance system at the Municipality of Chatham-Kent's public housing apartment complex be approved for a total one-time cost of approximately \$ 28,000 (including HST) to be funded from the Housing Services Operations Reserve.

Background

Current use of Security Surveillance in Public Housing

Video security surveillance systems are a resource used by Chatham-Kent Housing Services (CKHS) at selected sites within the management jurisdiction of CKHS for the purpose of increasing the safety and security of tenants, staff, and members of the public. These systems protect corporate assets and property as well as helping to detect and deter criminal activity and vandalism. CKHS has installed surveillance cameras at four other complexes in Chatham-Kent, two of which ceased to have any further concerns following their installations.

Comments

Compliance with the Privacy Protection provisions of Ontario

The video captured by surveillance cameras is deemed to constitute personal information. The Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA) permits the collection of personal information so long as the conditions in section 28(2) and Regulation 823 are met.

CKHS has developed and implemented policy and procedures to ensure compliance with Section 3 of Regulation 823 of Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA). Reasonable measures are in place to safeguard video surveillance footage in the custody and control of the Division.

Determination of need

The Municipally owned apartment complex located at 655 Holden Street in Dresden has experienced a substantive increase in police calls over the past year. 655 Holden Street currently provides residency to 40 tenants. A video surveillance security threat assessment was completed March 31, 2021 that justifies and supports the need for surveillance at this location. Other methods have been attempted by CKHS to mitigate the concerns experienced at the address but given the ongoing issues and the success experienced at other CKHS locations with the installation of surveillance cameras, it is considered necessary for the safety of property and person at the location and for CKHS to comply with its obligations as a landlord. As well, where urgent evictions are warranted because of unlawful behavior, video evidence is considered compelling in any legal proceedings that will result in more timely results that create safer buildings for our tenants.

Areas of Strategic Focus and Critical Success Factors

The recommendation in this report supports the following areas of strategic focus:

Economic Prosperity:

Chatham-Kent is an innovative and thriving community with a diversified economy

A Healthy and Safe Community:

Chatham-Kent is a healthy and safe community with sustainable population growth

People and Culture:

Chatham-Kent is recognized as a culturally vibrant, dynamic, and creative community

Environmental Sustainability:

Chatham-Kent is a community that is environmentally sustainable and promotes stewardship of our natural resources

The recommendation in this report supports the following critical success factors:

Financial Sustainability:

The Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent is financially sustainable

Open, Transparent and Effective Governance:

The Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent is open, transparent and effectively governed with efficient and bold, visionary leadership

- Has the potential to support all areas of strategic focus & critical success factors
- Neutral issues (does not support negatively or positively)

Consultation

Financial Services was consulted and confirmed the Housing Services Operations Reserve current balance is \$5,172,521.31.

Legal Services and Chatham Kent Police Services Community Mobilization Section were consulted in the legal use of surveillance.

The Manager of Housing Assets North, and the Manager of Tenant Relations have reviewed the contents of this report and support the recommendations of this report.

Financial Implications

The cost of purchase and installation of surveillance equipment is outlined in Table 1.

Table 1

Description	Amount
Purchase and installation of surveillance system (including HST)	\$28,000.00
Less: HST rebate (11.24%)	\$2,785.13
Total cost to be funded from Housing Operations Reserve	\$25,214.87

The following chart summarizes the Housing Services Operations Reserve impact (as of April 28, 2021):

Housing Services Operations Reserve Estimated Balance	\$5,172,521.31
Less: Cost of surveillance system	\$25,214.87
Estimated Adjusted Reserve Balance	\$5,147,306.44

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