

Classification **PUBLIC**

Meeting **February 8, 2010**

Agenda Item **Monitoring Report:
Financial Condition and Activities 4th
Quarter 2009**



Recommended Motion:

THAT the Board find that all provisions of the *Financial Conditions and Activities* have been complied with.

Financial Conditions and Activities

I hereby submit my monitoring report on your Executive Limitations Policy “Financial Conditions and Activities” according to the schedule set out. I certify that the information contained in this report is true.

Signed: _____
Chief of Police

Date: _____

BROADEST POLICY PROVISION:

“With respect to ongoing financial conditions and activities, the Chief of Police will not cause or allow development of fiscal jeopardy or material deviation of actual expenditures from the Board priorities established in the Ends policies.”

Interpretation of the Chief of Police:

It is my interpretation of this policy that compliance with the seven following policy statements and the data there tendered fulfills the total requirement of this provision.

I therefore report **compliance** with this Executive Limitations Policy.

“Further, without limiting the scope of the foregoing by the enumeration, the Chief of Police will not:”

Policy Provision #1

1. *“Expend more funds than have been allocated by the Regional Municipality of Durham for the Fiscal Year.”*

Interpretation of the Chief of Police:

It is my interpretation of this policy that it applies to the entire budget as a whole and that any significant deviation from norms is to be addressed in the succeeding period.

Further that any significant deviation that is likely to cause non-compliance with provision 1 be reported to the Board at its next meeting.

Data Support:

Upon review of the spending summary produced by the Director of Business Services, I report the following:

At this point, based on current trends and staffing levels, our forecast for the year-end is that spending will be within the \$137.782 million budget.

Therefore I report **compliance** with this provision.

Policy Provision #2

2. *“Fail to authorize the payment of payroll and other financial obligations in a timely manner.”*

Interpretation of the Chief of Police:

It is my interpretation of this policy that the Durham Regional Police Service will process payments through the Region’s systems and that payments will be made in such a manner as to ensure that members receive their payroll, and that suppliers receive payment in a timely manner.

Data Support:

The Director of Business Services reports that we have had no significant complaints with respect to payment of payroll or other payments during the reporting period.

I therefore report **compliance** with this provision.

Policy Provision #3

3. *“Negotiate, commit, approve or sign any collective agreements or addendums without explicit Board authorization. (This does not preclude the Chief or designate from participating in bargaining sessions in an advisory capacity as per section 120(4) of the Police Services Act.”*

Interpretation of the Chief of Police:

It is my interpretation of this policy that the Chief of Police and designates have no authority whatsoever in this area without the explicit authorization and that the Chief or designate should request said authorization in writing.

Data Support:

There have been no negotiations, commitments, approvals or signatures of any collective agreements or addendums without explicit Board authorization.

I therefore report **compliance** with this policy.

Policy Provision #4

4. *“Negotiate, commit, approve or sign any Board-to-Board agreements or addendums without explicit Board authorization.”*

Interpretation of the Chief of Police:

It is my interpretation of this policy that the Chief of Police has no authority whatsoever in this area without the explicit authorization and that the Chief should request said authorization in writing.

Data Support:

No such activity has taken place in the reporting period at all, and no authorizations have been received.

I therefore report **compliance** with this policy.

Policy Provision #5

5. *“Approve or sign any agreements with other police services, service providers, or service recipients, which exceed annual transfers of \$1,000,000, without explicit Board authorization.”*

Interpretation of the Chief of Police:

It is my interpretation of this policy that the Chief of Police has no authority regarding annual transfers in excess of \$1,000,000 in this area without the explicit authorization and that the Chief should request said authorization in writing.

Data Support:

No such activity has taken place in the reporting period at all, and no authorizations have been received.

I therefore report **compliance** with this policy.

Policy Provision #6

6. *“Acquire, encumber or dispose of real property. (Property as defined in the Police Services Act section 132 exempted.)”*

Interpretation of the Chief of Police:

It is my interpretation of the policy that I am not authorized to deal with the purchase, sale or encumbrance of real property, meaning real estate without express authorization from the Board. This however does not prevent my ability to lease premises as required pursuant to the budget and as coordinated with the Real Estate Division of the Regional Municipality of Durham. (The practice of the Regional Municipality of Durham is to submit all such real estate leases to Council for approval after approval by the Chief.)

Data Support:

There were no such acquisitions, encumbrances or dispositions undertaken during the reporting period.

I therefore report **compliance** with this provision.

Policy Provision #7

7. *“Fail to comply with the spirit of the financial by-laws and policies of the Regional Municipality of Durham.”*

Interpretation of the Chief of Police:

It is my interpretation of this policy that all purchases of goods and services shall be in compliance with the Durham Regional Police Service Financial Procedures Manual, which is in substantial compliance with Regional Processes, subject to limits being established by the Chief of Police in consultation with the Director of Business Services. It is my further interpretation that the practice of expending funds from operating accounts prior to final budget approval is acceptable in order to meet

payroll and account payment obligations as per #2 above. Further that Capital Budget items are subject to final budget approval unless specifically dealt with by the Board for pre-approval.

Data Support:

The Financial Procedures Manual was published in the 1st quarter of 2005 and the procedures and controls took effect in the new budget year on January 1, 2005. The Regional Finance department has been provided with a copy of this document. It is in substantial compliance with Regional Processes and therefore complies with the spirit of Regional Processes.

Financial transactions have been in compliance with the Financial Procedures Manual during the current reporting period.

I therefore report **compliance** with this provision.

Based on the above proof provided, I report overall compliance with the policy.

Attachments: Appendix below

Appendix

That the Board receives for information a summary of accounts showing expected year end variances as of January 27, 2010 **preliminary** financial statements for the period ended December 31, 2009 and explaining those over 5 %. The surplus(deficit) predicted is subject to change due to final invoices, accruals and revenues which had yet to be processed for the year end at January 27, 2010.

	Budget \$	Surplus/(Deficit)	%
PAYROLL EXPENSES	\$122,294,466	(\$109,395)	0
PERSONNEL RELATED	\$2,300,020	\$8,093	0
COMMUNICATION	\$2,593,420	(\$36,715)	(1)
MATERIALS & SERVICES	\$3,996,907	\$102,984	3
PROFESSIONAL SERV	\$991,557	\$70,182	7

COMPUTER MTCE & OPER	\$1,012,557	(\$136,503)	(13)
MISC SERVICES	\$4,216,274	\$116,430	3
MTCE & REPAIRS	\$2,733,309	\$268,459	10
RENTALS	\$1,752,173	\$27,116	2
CAPITAL	\$2,964,905	(\$636,358)	(21)
GROSS EXPENDITURES	\$144,855,588	(\$325,708)	0
REVENUE & RECOVERY	(\$7,073,846)	\$524,718	7
NET EXPENDITURES	\$137,781,742	\$199,010	0

Payroll Expenses: Includes full time and part time wages, overtime, benefits and payroll recoveries.

Expected variance less than 5 %.

Personnel Related: Includes Uniforms, Training and Car Allowance

Expected variance less than 5 %.

Communication: Includes Radio, Telephone, Printing and Advertising

Expected variance less than 5 %.

Materials and Services: Includes Fuel, Utilities, and Program Supplies

Expected variance less than 5 %.

Professional Services: Fees for lawyers, consultants and other professionals

Primarily due to lower spending on consulting fees incurred by the Police Services Board due to Executive Director position being expensed to salary rather than consulting fees (\$100k). That under spending was partially offset by legal fees incurred for disciplinary issues which were about \$30,000 in excess of budget.

Computer Maintenance:

Spending exceeded budget in this category due to the acquisition of a new scheduling system for \$50,000 and additional small computer repairs of \$86,000.

Miscellaneous Services: Includes insurance, regional headquarters expenses, janitorial and cleaning

Expected variance less than 5 %.

Maintenance and Repairs: Includes vehicle, equipment and building maintenance.

Vehicle maintenance (\$170,000), building maintenance (\$72,000) and insurance repairs (\$23,000) were lower than expected in 2009 but are within the normal historical spending trend.

Rentals:

Expected variance less than 5 %.

Capital:

Approved capital spending variances of \$636,000 over budget for required assets such as furniture and radio equipment for the Durham Consolidated Courthouse(\$361,000), a new Public Order Unit Logistics Vehicle(\$223,000) partially funded by a \$175,000 grant from the Civil Remedies from Illicit Activities program improvements and expenses to install new servers for our police records system(\$84,000).

Revenues:

Will exceed budget due primarily to the DRAVIS crime prevention grant from the Province of Ontario of \$244,000, \$175,000 from the Civil Remedies for Illicit Activities Program to partially fund the Public Order Logistics Vehicle and additional funding for our Youth in Policing Program of \$96,000.