



**REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE**

*For City Council – November 27, 2023*

**From:** Office of the City Clerk

**Date:** Thursday, November 16, 2023

**Title:** Sitansik (SMFN) Quadripartite Policing Agreement 2023-2028

**Description:**

Council-in-Committee, at its session held on November 14, 2023 considered an administrative report from the Chief of Police which requested Council approval and authorization of a 5-year quadripartite agreement for the Fredericton Police Force (FPF) to provide policing services to Sitansik (St. Mary’s First Nation -SMFN) between April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2028.

The FPF has been providing policing services to SMFN for over a half- century in varying levels of service. Both the Federal and Provincial Governments have jointly provided the funding for these services.

As a result of a significant amount of time, effort and collaboration between City staff, FPF, and the Federal and Provincial Governments a new 5-year Quadripartite Agreement has been reached and was presented to SMFN on November 9, 2023.

The following is a summary of the changes in this agreement from the previous agreement(s) that are fully funded by the funding partners:

- Two Community Police Officers in addition to the two current Zone 6 Officers;
- Creation of an Ad hoc committee to investigate and pursue options available with all levels of government for the enforcement and prosecution of First Nation By-laws.

The parties are also in negotiations for additional agreements to be brought forward to Council for consideration for:

- A pilot project for a civilian Community Program Officer for a 3-year period; and
- Funding for fit-ups for new Community Police office space and fully equipped police vehicle.

The Committee directed that the following resolution be forwarded to City Council for consideration:

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton authorizes the Quadripartite Agreement on the funding of the Policing Services to St. Mary's First Nation 2023 – 2028 among His Majesty the King in Right of Canada as represented by the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness; and His Majesty the King in Right of New Brunswick as represented by the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General; and the City of Fredericton as represented by its Mayor and City Clerk; and the Council of St. Mary's First Nation as represented by the Chief (the "Agreement") which provides funding to the City in the amount of \$922,783 for 2023/2024, \$988,331 for 2024/2025, \$1,017,791 for 2025/2026, \$1,048,128 for 2026/2027 and \$1,079,371 for 2027/2028 paid for by the Federal Government (52%) and the Provincial Government (48%); and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the local government and such further legal documents as may be required to facilitate this resolution.