

# Corporate Report

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**SUBJECT**

Eye on the Street – Phase 3 Budget Appropriation

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

WITH RESPECT to Report 264 - 2025, we recommend that a new 2025 Capital Budget Project be created for the Eye on the Street – Phase 3 Expansion;

AND THAT the municipal portion of the Eye on the Street – Phase 3 Expansion project, in the amount of \$254,731 be financed from the Capital General Reserve Fund;

AND THAT Budget Appropriation #18-2025 be approved;

AND THAT any necessary by-laws be presented to City Council for ratification.

## **LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

The Eye on the Street program advances three pillars: Safety and well-being, Growth, Sustainability.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Thunder Bay Police Service (TBPS) has secured \$254,730 in grant funding (total project budget \$509,460) to expand the Eye on the Street Program. This report recommends capitalizing on this opportunity to increase community safety and using the Capital General Reserve Fund as the City's matching funding source.

## **DISCUSSION**

TBPS was awarded \$254,730 through the Solicitor General of Ontario's Guns, Gangs and Violence Reduction Strategy to support the expansion of the Eye on The Street Program. The application for funding was made early in 2025, following the

announcement of this new funding opportunity and after the approval of the 2025 Capital Budget. The project is required to start in 2025 needs to be completed before the end of 2026 to maintain good standing.

This is the third successful application under the Guns, Gangs, and Violence Reduction Grant, building on previous changes to the existing closed-circuit camera system. This grant will allow the program to support more locations, software and hardware upgrades, and expanded live viewing capabilities.

The Eye on the Street program was launched in 2005 as a partnership between Thunder Bay Police Service and the City of Thunder Bay. The program retains a code of practice and all information about camera locations is available to the public via the city's website. [Eye on the Street - City of Thunder Bay](#) .

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATION**

The Guns, Gangs, and Violence Reduction Grant is a 50/50 funded program, requiring a matching municipal contribution. Administration recommends the municipal share, in the amount of \$254,731, be financed from the Capital General Reserve Fund. The current uncommitted balance in this reserve fund is \$5.1 million.

The Phase Three expansion is anticipated to have an operating impact of \$52,000 (\$20,000 in fiber data charges, \$10,000 contract IT support, \$10,000 cleaning, \$12,000 in camera / software licenses). This expansion will be reflected in the 2026 Operating budget and is based on 15 new locations.

### **CONCLUSION**

It is concluded that City Council should approve the use of the Capital General Reserve Fund as the funding source for the Phase Three expansion of the Eye on the Street Program.

### **BACKGROUND**

The *Eye on the Street* program was launched in 2005 and is jointly led by the City of Thunder Bay and the TBPS.

In 2022, the program was renewed through a partnership with Tbaytel and received financial support from the Ministry of the Solicitor General's Guns and Gangs Program, provided as a matching grant. This community public safety initiative uses closed-circuit video monitoring to enhance safety, improve security, and support evidence collection.

At the December 4, 2023 Committee of the Whole, report 327-2023 IDO – Central Support presented the annual Eye on the Street report. This report is required by the Code of Practice, provided an overview of the Eye on the Street program and related statistics for the 2022 operational year. This report was presented for information.

At the October 7, 2024 Committee of the Whole, report 375-2024 IDO – Central Support presented the annual Eye on the Street report. This report is required by the Code of Practice, provided an overview of the Eye on the Street program and related statistics for the 2023 operational year. This report was presented for information.

**REFERENCE MATERIAL ATTACHED:**

Attachment A - Appropriation #18-2025

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