

The Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board

Public Board Meeting
January 27, 2021

Report of the Chief of Police

240 Prospect Street, Newmarket (1 District Property)

1. Recommendation

That the Board receive this report for information regarding the future use of 240 Prospect Street, Newmarket, to serve existing York Regional Police space requirements.

2. Summary

This report provides the Board with an update on the future use of 240 Prospect Street, Newmarket, once District operations are moved to the new 1 District station at 429 Harry Walker Parkway South, which is scheduled for completion in the late fall of 2021.

3. Background

Since 1972, The Regional Municipality of York has owned and operated 240 Prospect Street, Newmarket as York Regional Police (YRP) 1 District, serving the communities of East Gwillimbury, King Township, Aurora and Newmarket. With the anticipated transition of District operations to the new 1 District location at 429 Harry Walker Parkway South in the fall of 2021, the opportunity exists to alleviate space constraints through the re-purposing of 240 Prospect Street.

Currently, YRP leases office space (two suites) at Yonge Street and Mulock Drive for two of its units due to a lack of space at existing YRP owned facilities. The annual cost per suite is \$90,000 per year. Both units will be moved out of the leased space.

YRP moved into Headquarters in Aurora in 2010 and due to the growth of various units over the last 10 years, there is a need for additional office space. A review was conducted in 2020 at Headquarters to evaluate potential space options, including relocating units to 240 Prospect Street, Newmarket.

The facility at 240 Prospect Street, Newmarket has 29,000 square feet of which 17,000 square feet is usable space and 72 parking spots. With the move of staff to 240 Prospect Street from Headquarters as well as the leased premises at Yonge and Mulock, the organization will be reducing its leasing costs as well as alleviating space pressures at Headquarters.

Approximately 67 staff will be assigned to this location which include operational and administrative units. Renovations to accommodate units moving into 240 Prospect Street are being planned for 2021 with subsequent construction in early 2022.

Maintaining this location allows for YRP to manage current facility staffing needs, reduces lease costs and maintains a policing presence within the downtown core of Newmarket.

4. Analysis

Not applicable.

5. Financial

Funds in the amount of \$1.75 million were included in the proposed 2021 Capital budget and outlook to 2022, with Capital Spend Authority to facilitate projects with multiple year spending commitments. The proposed 2021 Capital Budget is subject to the annual approval of Regional Council and expected to be considered in March 2021. The planned lease consolidation resulting in approximately \$196,300 in annual savings is included in the 2022-2023 Operating budget outlook.

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