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City of Kelowna

MEMORANDUM

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DATE: August 8, 2003  
FILE: 7401-01

TO: City Manager

FROM: Director of Financial Services  
RCMP Superintendent, Kelowna Detachment

RE: Crime Prevention Initiative

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council approve the purchase of a Firearms Training Simulator system for the Kelowna detachment of the RCMP for an amount to not exceed \$50,000;

AND THAT the 2003 Financial Plan be amended to include revenues from the sale of a 28' Eliminator boat of \$37,000 and an expenditure of up to \$50,000 for the Firearms Training Simulator system, with the remaining amount transferred from savings within the 2003 RCMP budget.

**BACKGROUND AND COMMENTS:**

A 28' Eliminator boat, which was stolen in California and seized by the RCMP in Kelowna, was turned over to the City this summer by the local detachment for disposal as provided for under terms of a court order. Lost and stolen recovery items are normally forwarded to auction for disposal with the City realizing less than \$10,000 on average annually. In this particular instance, the Purchasing Manager saw an opportunity to gain wide advertising exposure for the sale of the boat and placed it for auction on eBay. The bidding closed on Friday, July 18, 2003 with a total of 97 bids and a sale price of \$27,200 US (approximately \$37,000 Cdn).

It was felt that utilizing these unanticipated proceeds from criminal activity for a one-time crime prevention related expenditure would be appropriate. During consultation with RCMP detachment members, they advanced the Firearms Simulator Training system as a high priority should discretionary funds be made available.

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Paul Macklem, CMA  
Director of Financial Services

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Don Harrison  
RCMP Superintendent, Kelowna Detachment

cc: Financial Planning Manager  
Purchasing Manager