

- A question had been asked at the prior Council meeting relative to cost of the new building utilities versus the old building utilities. We have done the review and found that the cost for the old buildings which included the former fire hall, former municipal police building and former town hall had an average utilities cost of \$32,514.86 per year between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2011. The average cost of utilities for the new municipal building between October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2016 was \$90,358.61 per year. There are some notes that need to be made relative to the differences in the building in comparisons as follows:
 - o The total above under “old buildings” does not include the former RCMP owned facility on Union Street which was amalgamated into our new building as we are not privy to their utility costs.
 - o Size of building – new building is larger in footprint area than the 4 former building combined. This was needed to solve overcrowding of operations of both staff and equipment at the locations. Cost per ft² is potentially a more reflective comparison.
 - o A more reflective comparison is potentially cost per square foot, although with the fact that the old buildings were not code compliant makes cost per square foot not truly reflective in this case.
 - o Old buildings were non code compliant in key areas related to ventilation and lighting and prior to relocating, various repairs were required to address the operational inefficiencies of the equipment. New building is Code compliant but requires more energy to power fans, lights and other equipment. This is also a key driver of the project which makes the cost/ft² referenced in the previous point not truly reflective in our particular case.
 - o Energy prices have continued to climb since 2008 and therefore an escalation factor would be appropriate while comparing totals. No escalation is noted in above figures.
 - o In review of the utility costs for the new building, it should be noted that the costs are consistent with anticipated costs at time of construction. In addition, it is worth noting that relative to the Model National Energy Code for Buildings (MNCEB), our building beats the MNCEB by over 40% hence the \$1,000,000 grant the Town received from the Green Municipal Fund toward construction.

- By-Law Enforcement and Animal Control statistics for the month of September is attached.

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