

Police seeking 'partnership' with town sub-station

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sion," he said of the York Regional Police's tenancy.

By having the police share its space, the town is looking to get \$45,000 a year in rent and \$31,000 in heat, air conditioning and cleaning.

"Many of those costs are being incurred today, so it would be great to recover some of those costs from a tenant," Mr. Pourvahidi told The Sun-Tribune.

As part of the on-going lease agreement negotiations, York Regional Police representatives requested a year of free rent. They originally asked for two, but were brought down to one, according to Mr. Pourvahidi.

"That is not standard in the office leasing business," said Councillor Clyde Smith during last week's meeting upon hearing the request.

The town's other tenant — yorkworks — received no free rent, he noted.

Citing it would take about 12 years to recoup the \$45,000 of lost rent revenue, Councillor Phil Bannon wasn't fully in favour of that aspect of the proposal either.

"I feel like a tail that is wagging the dog," said Councillor Susanne Hilton, who later said the town is being asked to work to the region's timeline.

York Regional Police also requested a 20-year lease, but the town brought them

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Councillor Susanne Hilton
on police lease

down to 10, according to the treasurer.

As a compromise, Mayor Wayne Emmer-son proposed town negotiators go back to York Regional Police with free rent until July 1, 2014, no matter their move-in date. The motion was passed by council.

If approved by York Regional Police, the lease will be signed and construction will get underway.

The police are expected to move into the building in December of this year with the sub-station being fully operational in January 2014, according to the council report.

It will be the first York Regional Police office in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

"It's not a typical landlord/tenant relationship," said Supt. Graeme Turl. "We're looking for a partnership."

"I'm actually looking forward to having a facility there."

He is not involved in negotiations with the town and could not comment on the free-rent request or the length of the lease.

Police officials are working on what services will be offered at the sub-station.

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