

November 27, 2024

Hon. Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General
Ministry of the Solicitor General
25 Grosvenor Street
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1Y6
Via email: Minister.SOLGEN@ontario.ca

RE: 2024 Increase to OPP provincial contract annual billing statement

Dear Minister Kerzner,

During the November 26, 2024, special meeting of council regarding the 2025 draft budget, recent increases issued through the annual billing statement, as provided to OPP policed municipalities in the fall of 2024 was brought forward and discussed, the following resolution was passed:

Moved: Liz Welsh Seconded: Debb Pitel

4060-0801 - Provincial OPP contract

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario experienced a significant increase in the OPP provincial policing contracts expenses recently released, the Town of Petrolia would like to state our concern with the 21.5% increase to our municipality and this effect across the province;

AND WHEREAS the provincial auditor stated in the 2021 audit that the OPP did not have processes in place to consistently deliver provincial and municipal police services efficiently and effectively. The OPP does not have performance indicators with targets to measure and publicly report on the effectiveness of the police services it delivers.

NOW THEREFORE due to the high increases being difficult for small municipalities to adjust to each year. THAT the Council of the Town of Petrolia direct the Clerk to send a letter to the Solicitor General, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Bob Bailey, and copy municipalities across Ontario **to request that the province provide financial assistance to offset the large percentage increases as recently issued to municipalities through the OPP annual billing statement.**

Carried

Kind regards,

Original Signed

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