



# COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

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## Committee Report

**To:** Chair and Members of the Wellington County O.P.P. Detachment Board  
**From:** Ken DeHart, County Treasurer  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 09, 2024  
**Subject:** **Police Financial Statements and Variance Projections as of September 30, 2024**

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### Background:

This report is respectfully submitted in accordance with the County's Budget Management Policy and provides an updated projection to year-end based on expenditures and revenues to September 30, 2024, for Police Services.

### Operating

- Grant funding received to date includes:
  - The Bail Compliance and Warrant Apprehension (BCWA) grant to date includes the first quarter of funding totalling \$148,400. The remaining grant is expected to be received throughout 2024. The revenues from this grant were not known at the time of the passage of the 2024 budget and are expected to be offset with additional expenditures. No net budget impact is expected at year-end.
  - Community Safety and Policing (CSP) grant for suicide prevention and postvention has received the first quarter of funding (\$38K)
  - The first installment of the prisoner transport grant funding (\$8,200) has been received, as well as the RIDE grant (\$18,500)
- False alarms are close to budget so far this year and parking fine revenue is ahead of budget as some of this relates to collections of legacy tickets from the pilot programme in Centre Wellington and a reconciliation of those fines will be completed over the course of the year. The Township has taken over collection of its own tickets related to the downtown parking enforcement this year. No significant variance is anticipated.
- Record check revenues include the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter reconciliation received from the province. Based on amounts received to date a small positive variance is expected.
- Salaries, wages, and benefits for County staff are under budget with a small positive variance expected.
- Supplies, materials and equipment are ahead of budget as building equipment and maintenance services have been higher than expected, a negative variance of \$15,000 - \$20,000 is likely to occur.
- Purchased services are ahead of budget targets to date as a result of the above mentioned BCWA grant expenditures. This line also includes the first quarter expenses related to work being done by CMHA for the CSP grant. This will be entirely offset by CSP grant funding and will have no levy impact. All other costs under this line item are predominantly on budget with no overall variance anticipated.

### O.P.P. Contract

- The 2024 contract includes an allocation amount for a new Media Relations Coordinator with an April 2024 start date. As reported to committee in May, the posting for the position was delayed due to legislative changes. At this point, staff expect to post and fill the position before the end of the year. Anticipated savings from the delay in hiring are anticipated to be between \$75,000 and \$85,000.
- The annual reconciliation for 2023 (\$188,571) has been received with the 2025 annual billing statement. In addition, the package notes that “Discrepancies were discovered during an audit of grant-related invoicing. This will result in a credit to Wellington County in the amount of \$100,920.30, which will be issued in January 2025.” Between the 2023 year-end reconciliation and the audit discrepancy, this will result in credits of \$289,491.30. Details on the reconciliations are provided in a separate report to this committee.
- County staff budgeted for an estimated 2023 O.P.P. contract reconciliation of \$450,000 to be applied in the 2024 budget year. The combined credits noted in the reconciliation documents are approximately \$160,000 short of budget estimates and will result in a negative variance.

### Summary

The O.P.P. contract reconciliation will result in \$160,000 negative variance in 2024. Outside of the contract, staff are anticipating the police budget to see a positive variance between \$80,000 and \$100,000 as a result of the delay in hiring the new position, additional revenues as described in the report, offset by higher building maintenance costs. Overall, a negative variance for Police Services of between \$60,000 and \$80,000 may be realized by year-end.

### Capital

Capital projects within Police Services, address facilities, equipment, and technology needs. The primary funding sources are the County Property Reserve or General Capital Reserve which are funded through annual operating contributions collected through the tax levy.

The total 2024 approved capital budget is for \$130,000 and is funded by the County Property Reserve. It consists of one approved project carried forward from 2023.

<b>Open Capital Projects on December 31, 2023</b>	\$130,000
Add: 2024 Approved Capital Budget	-
Less: Budget Adjustments	-
Less: Capital Projects Closed to date in 2024	(\$130,000)
Less: Prior Year Capital Spending	-
Less: 2024 Capital Spending	-
<b>Open Capital Projects on May 31, 2024</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

The project for external weathering work at the Teviotdale O.P.P. detachment was kept open over the winter season to determine if there were any issues. The project was subsequently closed, returning \$24,000 to the capital reserves.

**Strategic Action Plan:**

This report relates to the following objectives and priorities in the County's Strategic Action Plan:

- Making the best decisions for the betterment of the Community

**Recommendation:**

That the Financial Statements and Variance Projections as of September 30, 2024, for the Police Services be approved.

Respectfully submitted,



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County Treasurer