



COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

Committee Report

To: Chair and Members of the Wellington County O.P.P. Detachment Board
From: Ken DeHart, County Treasurer
Date: Wednesday, January 08, 2025
Subject: **Updated 2025 O.P.P. Billing Package and 2023 Year-End Reconciliation**

Background:

The attached correspondence from the Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Policing Bureau outlines the revised 2025 Annual Billing Statement package along with the revised annual cost reconciliation for the 2023 year-end.

2025 O.P.P. Billing Package and Budget Estimates

The 2025 Annual Billing Statement received in October estimated the cost of the O.P.P. contract at \$20,375,886. This represented an overall cost increase per property of \$54.87 or 12.8% over the 2024 Billing Statement. Given the significant and unexpected impact this increase had on municipalities served by the OPP the Province indicated that financial relief would be provided on a one-time basis for 2025. The County received details of the financial relief in a letter from the Province in December along with the breakdown of the savings between the 2023 reconciliation and the 2025 cost estimate outlined in the attachments to this report.

Subsequent to the billing statement received in October, the County has been provided with an estimate for the new Detachment Media Relations Coordinator that was approved as part of the County's 2024 Budget, but there was a delay in the hiring of the position. The updated 2025 Annual Billing Statement estimates the cost of the O.P.P. contract at \$20,478,528, meaning that the cost of the Media Relations Coordinator is estimated at \$102,642 in 2025.

The new O.P.P. billing estimate includes a total of \$3,013,317 in financial relief for the County (updated from the Solicitor General's letter). This can be further broken down to include a 10% discount on the 2025 estimated costs amounting to a reduction to the contract amount of \$2,047,853 and an increase to the 2023 contract reconciliation of \$965,464.

The total 2025 O.P.P. contract cost budget will be set to cover the \$18,431,000 (\$20,478,528 - \$2,047,853), which is made up of costs for the base service, calls for service, plus overtime, contract enhancements, prisoner transportation costs and reflects the discount announced by the Province.

It should be noted, however, that the financial relief applied by the Province appears to be one-time in nature. Therefore, County staff have maintained the 2026 forecasted Policing contract costs at the inflated rate of just over \$21.0 million. Staff will be addressing the use of the one-time savings related to the contract in the overall County budget report to go to the Administration, Finance and Human Resources Committee later this month.

Strategic Action Plan:

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

- Doing what the County does best – Providing Critical Daily Services for your residents

Recommendation:

That the County Treasurer's report regarding the Updated 2025 O.P.P. Billing Package and 2023 Year-End Reconciliation be received for information.

Respectfully submitted,



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In consultation with/approved by:

Scott Wilson, CAO