



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, June 11, 2025
Subject: **Police Financial Statements and Variance Projections as of May 31, 2025**

Background:

This report is respectfully submitted in accordance with the County's Budget Management Policy and provides a first projection to year-end based on expenditures and revenues to May 31, 2025, for Police Services.

Operating

- Grant funding includes:
 - The Bail Compliance and Warrant Apprehension (BCWA) grant and associated reporting is complete for the first quarter 2025 and payment is expected to be received shortly. Additional funding will be received throughout 2025, with no net impact to the overall Police budget at year-end.
 - Community Safety and Policing (CSP) grant for suicide prevention and postvention final reporting is complete and payment is expected to be received shortly with no net impact to the budget expected.
 - The first installment of the prisoner transport grant funding (\$10,300) has been received, while the RIDE grant will be received later in the year.
- False alarms are ahead of budget so far this year with parking fine revenue close to budget. A small positive variance is anticipated.
 - As reported during the year-end audit, the new Public Sector Accounting Standard, PS 3400 Revenue provides overall general revenue recognition guidance and requires that as non-exchange transactions, parking ticket revenues will now be recognized when issued (full accrual accounting) as opposed to the current practice of recognizing the revenue when it is received (cash accounting). This requires setting up a receivable for those tickets previously issued but not yet collected as well as an allowance for doubtful accounts based on a historical collection rate. This will result in a minor increase to revenue upon implementation.
- Salaries, wages, and benefits for County staff are close to budget and no variance is expected.
- Supplies, materials and equipment are slightly below budget as building equipment and maintenance services have been lower than expected, no significant variance is anticipated
- Purchased services are ahead of budget targets to date because of the work being done by the CMHA for the CSP grant. This will be entirely offset by CSP grant funding and will have no levy impact. Additionally, snow removal costs have exceeded the budget for the year and natural gas costs have been higher than anticipated. It is likely that a negative variance between \$30,000 and \$40,000 may result from the winter weather experienced earlier in the year.

O.P.P. Contract

- The County’s 2025 Budget included a full-year of the new Media Relations Coordinator. That position is expected to start in the early summer. It is anticipated this will result in savings of approximately \$50,000.
- As approved by the Wellington County O.P.P. Detachment Board in April, the Enhancement Strategy Proposal where a number of positions were revised or uploaded to the province will lead to an annual contract savings of approximately \$90,000 when fully implemented. Staff expect these changes to take place later this year and result in savings of approximately \$20,000 in 2025.
- Annual reconciliations of the prior year’s O.P.P. contract are provided in the fall. The County anticipates receiving the 2024 reconciliation with the 2026 O.P.P. contract estimate in the October to November time period. This year’s reconciliation could be smaller than in previous years due to the O.P.P. contract settlement last summer. It is possible that the province could provide some relief as they did last year to offset a smaller reconciliation amount.
- County staff budgeted for an estimated 2024 O.P.P. contract reconciliation of \$450,000 to be applied in the 2025 budget year. Staff will provide an update when the reconciliation has been received.

Summary

As most of the police budget pertains to the contract costs, staff cannot provide an accurate forecast of the overall variance to the budget until the O.P.P. contract reconciliation for 2024 is received in the fall. Outside of the contract reconciliation, staff expect savings from the delay in hiring the Media Relations Coordinator and savings from the contract enhancement strategy proposal. These savings will be offset by a negative variance due to snow removal and natural gas expenses from a harsh winter earlier this year. Overall, staff expect savings of \$30,000 to \$40,000 prior to the results of the O.P.P. contract reconciliation.

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 2025 approved capital budget is for \$100,000 and is funded by the County Property Reserve. It consists of one approved project carried forward from 2023. In 2025, grant funding was approved for the purchase on a new police vehicle.

Open Capital Projects on December 31, 2024	\$ -
Add: 2025 Approved Capital Budget	100,000
Less: Budget Adjustments	-
Less: Capital Projects Closed to date in 2025	(4,378)
Less: Prior Year Capital Spending	-
Less: 2025 Capital Spending	(40,622)
Open Capital Projects on May 31, 2025	\$ 55,000

The cost of the new police vehicle was less than what was anticipated, resulting in \$4,378 being available for other bail and compliance funded initiatives.

Open Capital Projects

	Approved Budget	YTD Actuals	Budget Remaining	Comments
Aboyne OPP: Interior Upgrades	\$55,000	\$0	\$55,000	Not started
Total Police Services	\$55,000	\$0	\$55,000	

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 May 31, 2025, for the Police Services be approved.

Respectfully submitted,



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County Treasurer

In consultation with/approved by:

Inspector Karen Medeiros, Detachment Commander
Scott Wilson, CAO