



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, May 08, 2024
Subject: **O.P.P. Contract Update and Renewal**

Background:

The *Community Safety Policing Act* (CSPA) came into effect on April 1, 2024, and replaces the *Policing Services Act* (PSA). As a result of these legislative changes, the County must sign a new agreement with the province (on behalf of the Ontario Provincial Police (O.P.P.)) to bring the arrangement in line with the new CSPA guidelines.

The updated agreement can be largely described as a 'housekeeping' exercise to ensure the agreement references the new Act and relevant legislative references. However, the province has offered to extend the contract for a period of up to the end of six calendar years (the County's existing agreement was effective from January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2026).

If the County accepts the new proposal, the contract can be extended by up to December 31, 2030. County staff recommend taking advantage of the contract extension to this date to provide the community with consistency and stability for the provision of policing services.

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 staff be authorized to enter into an agreement with the province for the provision of policing services with the Ontario Provincial Police in Wellington County to December 31, 2030.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken DeHart', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Ken DeHart, CPA, CGA
County Treasurer