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November 25, 2024

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RE: Town of Petawawa Council resolution regarding Ontario Provincial Police Costs 2025 and  
Whitewater Region Council resolution regarding Ontario Provincial Police Costs 2025

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on November 6, 2024  
considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

**Resolution No. 2024-383:**

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and  
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

**That the Consent Agenda items 6.6 and 6.7 listed for NOVEMBER 6, 2024 Council  
meeting be received for information; and**

**Whereas the Township of Puslinch is a second-tier small rural municipality that pays a  
disproportionate share of the upper tier policing costs; and**



**Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa supports Resolution No. 229 of the Municipality of Tweed and further calls on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities;**

**Be it resolved that the Township of Puslinch supports the resolutions of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa and the Council of the Municipality of Tweed and requests that the Province also provide financial assistance to second tier small municipalities to offset their disproportionate share of policing costs; and**

**And that staff be directed to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, Speaker Arnott, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Municipalities in Ontario.**

**CARRIED**

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston  
Municipal Clerk

CC: All Ontario Municipalities



# TOWN OF PETAWAWA

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October 25, 2024

Premier Doug Ford  
Legislative Building  
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Via email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Premier Ford:

**RE: Ontario Provincial Police Costs 2025**

Please be advised that at its meeting of October 21, 2024, Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa endorsed the following resolution:

**MOVED BY: James Carmody**  
**SECONDED BY: Theresa Sabourin**

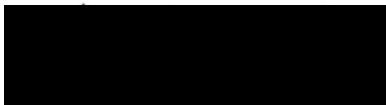
That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa supports Resolution No. 229 of the Municipality of Tweed and further calls on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities;

And further, that Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Municipalities in Ontario.

**CARRIED**

The Town of Petawawa appreciates the Province's attention to the financial challenges faced by small rural municipalities and looks forward to a collaborative solution.

Sincerely,



Colin Howard, Dipl.M.M., Bus.Admin.  
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

Encl: Municipality of Tweed Resolution No. 229

cc: The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General  
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
All Municipalities of Ontario  
Neil Nicholson, Mayor, Township of Whitewater Region

**Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting  
Council Meeting**



**Resolution No.** 229  
**Title:** Councillor P. Valiquette  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 23, 2024

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**Moved by** P. Valiquette  
**Seconded by** J. Palmateer

WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of small rural Ontario;  
AND WHEREAS Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads, bridges, water/wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets;

AND WHEREAS small rural Ontario's operating needs consume the majority of property tax revenue sources;

AND WHEREAS small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone;

AND WHEREAS in 2015 the provincial government moved to standardized billing for all non-contract J.P.P. (5.1) locations;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway; and \$534 million to Ottawa for the repatriation of Hwy 174;

AND WHEREAS the annual cost of the Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Policing Bureau for small rural non-contract (5.1) municipalities is approximately \$428 million;

AND WHEREAS this annual cost is significantly less than the repatriation costs of the Gardiner Express Way, the Don Valley Parkway and Highway 174 (Ottawa Region) but provides a greater impact to the residents of the Province overall;

AND WHEREAS this will afford relief to small rural municipalities for both infrastructure and operating needs while having a minimal impact on the provincial budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Municipality of Tweed call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford ([premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)), Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario ([amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)) and all Municipalities in Ontario.

## Council Members

Mayor Neil Nicholson  
Deputy Mayor Cathy  
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Councillors:  
Mark Bell  
Michael Moore  
Chris Olmstead  
Connie Tabbert  
Joey Trimm

## Certified True Copy

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

### **Re: Resolution - OPP Notice of Motion for funding support - Municipality of Tweed**

At its meeting of October 16, 2024, the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region adopted the following resolution:

**WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of small rural Ontario;**

**AND WHEREAS Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both**

**upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads, bridges, water/ wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets:**

**AND WHEREAS small rural Ontario's operating needs consume the majority of property tax revenue sources;**

**AND WHEREAS small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental**

**infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone;**

**AND WHEREAS in 2015 the provincial government moved to standardized billing for all non-contract**

**D.P.P. (5.1) locations;**

**AND WHEREAS the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway; and \$534 million to**

**Ottawa for the repatriation of Hwy 174;**

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**AND WHEREAS the annual cost of the Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Policing Bureau for small rural non-contract (5.1) municipalities is approximately \$428 million;**

**AND WHEREAS this annual cost is significantly less than the repatriation costs of the Gardiner**

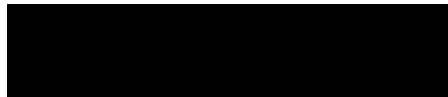
**Express Way, the Don Valley Parkway and Highway 174 (Ottawa Region) but provides a greater impact to the residents of the Province overall;**

**AND WHEREAS this will afford relief to small rural municipalities for both infrastructure and operating needs while having a minimal impact on the provincial budget;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Township of Whitewater Region call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities: AND FURTHER, that Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford ([premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)). Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario ([amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)), MPP John Yakabuski ([john.yakabusko@pc.ola.org](mailto:john.yakabusko@pc.ola.org)) and all Municipalities in Ontario.**

Carried as amended - Resolution #2024 - 5187

Sincerely,



Carmen Miller  
Clerk/CEMC





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](mailto: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*

Mandi Pearson  
Director of Legislative Services | Deputy Operations | Clerk

cc: file  
Municipalities of Ontario  
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November 19, 2024

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Premier's Office, Room 281  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

**RE: Support Resolution – OPP Annual Billing Statement**

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Please be advised that at its meeting held on November 18, 2024, Council of the Township of Clearview passed the following resolution regarding the OPP Annual Billing Statement:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Whereas current police services within the Township of Clearview are provided by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP);

And Whereas the Township and the local OPP detachment have worked in a positive, collaborative and effective manner for decades; and

And Whereas historical increases in OPP Annual Billing Statements have trended around 2%;

And Whereas the OPP submitted their 2025 Annual Billing Statement to the Township on October 4, 2024, that identifies an approximate \$0.5 M (22.7%) increase from 2024 to 2025 that will translate to an approximate 2.57% tax rate increase, on top of what the Township was contemplating for the residents of Clearview Township;

And Whereas communication from the Township of Essa as well as other municipalities serviced by the OPP has been received by Clearview Township, seeking support;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that Council of the Township of Clearview, hereby requests that the 2025 OPP Annual Billing Statement be reduced to an approximate 2% increase that is more manageable for the Township and in line with historical trends;



And Further That any increase above 2% be absorbed by the province as the additional costs are directly the result of collective bargaining that was within the control of the OPP and should have been known to be financially unsustainable for the municipalities that now need to pay the bill;

And Further That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General, MPP Brian Saunderson, Simcoe-Grey and all 329 municipalities serviced by OPP. Motion Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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Sasha Helmkey-Playter, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC  
Clerk/Director of Legislative Service



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Doug Measures  
Mayor

cc: Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General  
MPP Brian Saunderson, Simcoe-Grey  
Municipalities Serviced by the OPP



29 November 2024

The Hon. Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

**RE: Resolution - Support for Provincial Absorption of OPP Costs**

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held November 26th, 2024:

*Moved by Councillor Kelso*

*Seconded by Reeve McLaren*

**THAT**, the Council of the Township of Lanark Highlands expresses its support for the resolution from the Town of Midland, advocating for the full absorption of Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) costs into the provincial budget, eliminating cost recovery from municipalities;

**AND THAT**, a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Ministry of the Solicitor General, the Ministry of Finance, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all municipalities across Ontario for their information and consideration.

**Resolved**

Sincerely,

Nicole Guthrie  
Clerk

Encls.

c.c. The Solicitor General  
Minister of Finance  
Association of Municipalities  
All Ontario Municipalities

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TOWN OF MIDLAND



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November 7, 2024

Premier Ford  
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Via email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Sustainable Funding for Small Urban Municipalities**

At its November 6, 2024 Regular Council Meeting the Council for the Town of Midland passed the following Resolution:

*WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of Ontario's small urban municipalities; and*

*WHEREAS Ontario's small urban municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads, water/ wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets; and*

*WHEREAS an increase of 26% one year, which is a million dollars (roughly 4% tax increase) for Midland and is something never projected;*

*NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT The Town of Midland call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small urban municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities; and*

*FURTHER THAT the OPP Billing Model be referred to the Auditor General for review; and*

*FURTHER THAT Council direct Staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford ([premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)), Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario ([amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)) and all Municipalities in Ontario.*

Thank you.

Yours very truly,

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MIDLAND**

*Sherri Edgar*

Sherri Edgar, AMCT  
Municipal Clerk  
Ext. 2210

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