

WEST GREY POLICE SERVICES BOARD

December 9, 2024

Premier Doug Ford Legislative Building Queen's Park Toronto, ON M7A 1A1 Via email: <u>premier@ontario.ca</u>

Dear Honorable Doug Ford,

Re: Resolution-Provincial Announcement re Funding of OPP Costs

Please be advised that the West Grey Police Services Board, at its meeting ofDecember 9, 2024 passed the following resolution:Moved by:B. CuttingSeconded by:J. Nuhn

WHEREAS the Ontario Government has announced they will be providing financial relief to municipalities to offset the increased costs of police services provided by the OPP;

AND WHEREAS the significant salary increases awarded to OPP Officers in their recently ratified contract for 2023 to 2026 have set a benchmark for others to attain and provide the incentive for other police associations to bargain for;

AND WHEREAS there should be no distinction between police services across the province, OPP or Municipal as they all face the same challenges and dangers as they strive to keep their communities safe;

AND WHEREAS Municipal Police Services and their local OPP Detachments have worked together positively and effectively to assist each other when required;

AND WHEREAS Municipal Police Services are experiencing the same pressures to meet contractual agreements as the OPP regarding salaries;

AND WHEREAS equitable funding related to grants and not just wage increases should also be made available to Municipal Police Services;

AND WHEREAS funds should be made available by the Province to Municipal Police Services for the costs associated with implementation and compliance to the new Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the West Grey Police Services Board calls on the Ontario Government to implement sustainable funding for Municipal Police Services to assist in their annual budgeting process;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford, Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General, Peter Bethlenfalvy Minister of Finance, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario Association of Police Service Boards and local OAPSB Zone 5, West Grey Council and our local MP, Alex Ruff, and Rick Byers, MPP.

Carried.

Yours Truly,

Dave Fawcett, Vice Chair West Grey Police Services Board

Cc: The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance The Association of Municipalities of Ontario Ontario Association of Police Service Boards OAPSB Zone 5 Municipality of West Grey Grey-Bruce MPP, Rick Byers Grey-Bruce-Owen Sound MP, Alex Ruff