



TOWN OF WASAGA BEACH

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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Honourable Michael Kerzner,

RE: Resolution from the Town of Wasaga Beach re: OPP Detachment Billing Increases

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach, during their October 24, 2024 Council meeting passed the following resolution regarding OPP Detachment Billing Increases.

WHEREAS current police services within the Town of Wasaga Beach (hereinafter referred to as the 'Town') are provided by the Ontario Provincial Police (hereinafter referred to as the 'OPP');

AND WHEREAS the Town and the local OPP detachment have worked in a positive, collaborative and effective manner for decades;

AND WHEREAS historical increases in OPP Annual Billing Statements have trended around 5%;

AND WHEREAS the OPP submitted their 2025 Annual Billing Statement to the Town on October 4, 2024, that identifies an approximate \$1.3M (22.8%) increase from 2024 to 2025 that will translate to an approximate 1.6% tax rate increase, on top of what the Town was contemplating for the residents of Wasaga Beach;

AND WHEREAS the Town was not consulted nor provided any advanced notice from the Commissioner regarding the significant cost increase received for OPP services;

AND WHEREAS the Town cannot afford to absorb this unexpected and entirely preventable increase without causing undo financial strain to our taxpayers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Wasaga Beach wishes to dispute the 2025 OPP Annual Billing Statement;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town requests that the 2025 OPP Annual Billing Statement be reduced to an approximate 5% increase that is more manageable for the Town and in line with historical trends;

AND FURTHER THAT any increase above 5% 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 the Town request that the County of Simcoe undertake a feasibility study for a County Police Force;

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, the County of Simcoe and all 329 municipalities serviced by OPP.

Your favorable consideration of this matter is appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at mayor@wasagabeach.com or (705) 429-3844 ext. 2225.

Sincerely,



Brian Smith
Mayor, Town of Wasaga Beach

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cc: (via email)

Premier Doug Ford

MPP Brian Saunderson

The County of Simcoe

All municipalities serviced by the OPP