



KENORA DISTRICT MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

SUBJECT: OPP Billing Model Impacts

SUBMITTED BY: City of Kenora

YEAR: 2024

BACKGROUND:

WHEREAS the City of Kenora affirms its strong supports the members of the Ontario Provincial Police (“OPP”), the service they provide to our community, and across Ontario; and

WHEREAS in 2015, the Province introduced a cost formula for all municipalities using the OPP to deliver local police services; and

WHEREAS since the introduction of cost formula, paying for the cost of local police services has placed a significant and unfair burden on our municipal taxpayers; and

WHEREAS our municipality, since 2015, has become one of the top three highest cost jurisdictions for local police services of the over 330 Ontario municipalities served by the OPP; and

WHEREAS every year since the cost formula’s introduction we have repeatedly attempted to engage the provincial government to discuss the unfairness of the cost formula which has created an overwhelming financial burden on our communities; and

WHEREAS Kenora serves as a hub for several northern and remote communities, providing healthcare, pharmacy, education, legal, transportation, and other critical services for First Nations peoples living in a geographical area larger than the country of Germany; and

WHEREAS the median cost of all municipalities in Ontario that use the OPP to provide these local police services is approximately \$320 per residential property, while the costs charged to the municipalities of Kenora, Sioux Lookout and Pickle Lake (before any discounts), has been two-and-a-half to four-and-a-half times higher than the provincial median; and

WHEREAS it is estimated that Kenora has paid several million more for policing than the average cost paid in other municipalities in which the OPP provides these services over the last eight years; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Solicitor General has provided one-time rebates for 2023 and 2024 recognizing the disparity in annual policing costs.



RECOMMENDATION:

That the Solicitor General develop a cost effective and sustainable funding model for communities that are under contract with the Ontario Provincial Police.

NOW THEREFORE MAY IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Kenora District Municipal Association advocate the Solicitor General to develop a cost effective and sustainable funding model for communities that are under contract with the Ontario Provincial Police.

COMMITTEE ACTION

CONVENTION ACTION

Concurrence_____

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Concurrence as Amended_____

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Non-Concurrence_____

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KDMA President