



KENORA DISTRICT MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

SUBJECT: OPP Billing Model Impacts

SUBMITTED BY: City of Kenora

YEAR: 2025

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 in 2023 with a policing bill of \$6,437,146 the province provided one time funding support to offset this high policing bill in the amount of \$511,417, in 2024 with the continued increases to our OPP bill at \$6,960,519 the province provided additional one-time financial assistance in the amount of \$532,475; and in 2025 OPP bill which has increased \$2.358 M or 36.7% and come in at \$8,786,451; and

Whereas the 2025 increase will have a direct impact on residents of Kenora, with an estimated 8% tax increase to solely support Police service; and

Whereas these rapid significant increased costs are simply not sustainable for a municipality the size of Kenora; 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 nine years.

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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