



Report

Subject: OPP Costing Analysis Follow-up

Department: Administration

Report #: GA-2017-04

Meeting Date: April 24, 2017

Recommendations

That report GA-2017-04 dated April 24, 2017 providing follow-up to the OPP Costing Analysis presented to Council on April 3, 2017, be received;

Background

At the direction of Council, an OPP Costing Analysis was prepared and presented at the April 3, 2017 Council meeting. During the presentation staff were asked if the provincial government had been contacted regarding any possible changes to the OPP Billing Model. A question was also asked regarding the hiring process and amalgamation for the civilian positions if the OPP proposal is accepted.

Analysis

OPP Billing Model

With the assistance of Dufferin-Caledon MPP, Sylvia Jones, the Town's Chief Administrative Officer spoke with Branden Tate, Policy Advisor to the Hon. Marie-France Lalonde, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services. The Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services is responsible for a wide range of responsibilities for policing in Ontario and under the Police Services Act, the Ministry is responsible for the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).

Mr. Tate was asked the questions below and his responses were received in writing.

Question

Does your office/ministry/government see any changes, other than minor changes, forthcoming to the new OPP Billing Model?

Response

No, the billing model review that resulted in the January 1, 2015 change to the legislation created a fairer and more equitable allocation of the policing costs associated with OPP contracts.

Question

Is there a plan or an intent for your government to obtain full cost recovery for services provided by the OPP for municipal policing? Or, is the revenue received from municipalities for OPP policing adequate to account for the cost to provide the same policing?

Response

The OPP billing model does not recover all costs for OPP policing in Ontario. If the province were to consider amendments to the Police Services Act to enable full cost recovery we would only do so with the full engagement and knowledge of municipalities policed by the OPP – i.e., through such governance structures as the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Ontario Association of Police Service Boards.

Civilian Positions

With respect to the hiring process and amalgamation of civilians, the OPP have confirmed that the OPP costing proposal includes 10 civilian positions in total: 7 full time court officers and 3 full time administrative clerks. The Municipal Profile submitted by Orangeville Police to the OPP listed OPS as currently having a total of 14 full time and 13 part time positions: 1 full time Administrative Clerk; 12 dispatchers (7 full time and 5 part time); 4 data entry members (3 full time and 1 part time); 9 court security officers (3 full time and 6 part time and 1 part time civilian court clerk.

The OPP has also confirmed that the 10 civilian positions included in the OPP Costing Proposal will be offered to OPS civilian employees exclusively. These employees will be required to pass background/security checks as a condition of employment. If there are more staff interested, than there are positions, the civilian members will have to compete for the positions against their peers. Ontario Public Service employees will only be offered any remaining positions that are not filled by the OPS civilian employees.

Respectfully submitted by

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Attachments:

1. None