



TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

REPORT

Item No.

REPORT TO: Reeve Vincent and Members of Council
PREPARED BY: Dwayne Evans, CAO
DATE: 02/10/2017
SUBJECT: OPP Servicing Costs
ATTACHMENTS:

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives this report;

AND FURTHER, that Council directs staff to prepare a report outlining all costs to be considered for OPP municipal policing of the Wingham Ward.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At a special Council meeting held on September 25, 2017 and at the request of North Huron, the OPP Municipal Policing Bureau presented an OPP Municipal Policing proposal of the Wingham Ward. The proposal was presented for Council's information and was based on the level of policing services required to provide adequate and effective policing as set out in Regulation 3/99 of the Police Service Act, Adequacy and Effectiveness of Police Services. At the September 25, 2017 special Council meeting, Council passed a motion to receive the proposal for information purposes.

DISCUSSION

The proposal presented the OPP is valid until March 25, 2018. To make an informed decision it is suggested Council requires more information regarding all costs to be considered for OPP municipal policing of the Wingham Ward. The costs to be considered include, but are not limited to, the 3+ year OPP transitional contract; OPP policing cost estimate beyond the 3+ year contract; payouts to release North Huron from its obligations to existing municipal policing staff; existing financial liabilities to retired Wingham Police Officers; potential revenue from the disposal of existing policing assets; the future of the existing policing facility; and the projected cost of existing police service.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost estimates will be prepared by staff in consultation with Chief Poole and the OPP Municipal Policing Bureau. Beyond staff time, there will be no short term financial impacts. Potential long term impacts will be outlined in future reports.


FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

At the time of amalgamation there was an agreement between the former Village of Blyth, Town of Wingham and Township of East Wawanosh that the Wingham Police Service would be dissolved. Efforts were made in the early 2000s to dissolve the service however, OCOPS denied the dissolution. Further, many changes to policing standards and legislative requirements have been made over the years and it is likely further changes will be made in the future. Council needs to consider whether the existing policing services are sustainable.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #3-Our community is healthy and safe.

Goal #4-Our administration is fiscally responsible and strives for operational excellence.

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Dwayne Evans, CAO