



North Huron Council
Wingham Town Hall
Wingham, ON
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Jan. 28, 2018

Subject: Wingham Policing

Councillors

At the January 18 Wingham BIA meeting, discussion was held regarding moving to OPP policing for the Town of Wingham. The consensus of the membership in attendance was that the Wingham BIA is **strongly opposed** to replacing the Wingham police force with OPP policing.

The following motion was passed unanimously by members in attendance:

“ Moved by Christine McGrath and seconded by Sandy Walker that the Wingham BIA will write a letter to Council in support of keeping the Wingham Police Department.”

Some reasons for objection to the change are:

- Slower response time to calls, especially from the schools and hospital
- The safety of workers at local eateries during late hours (Frosty Queen, Subway, New Orleans etc)
- The surprise relocation of the Bristol Terrace office to Clinton after 2 years which will result in:
 - Wasted money being spent on renovating the Bristol Terrace location
 - A significant lack of available policing during shift changes.
- The anticipated payback does not begin until year 4 at which time the costing formula could adversely change
- Current OPP pricing does not include court costs, overtime or “enhancements”
- Other municipalities that have gone to OPP policing are regretting the move
- Any increase in the number of calls will result in increased costs being added.

We do not believe this is a one-time offer from the OPP and there is no reason for North Huron Council to rush into a decision at this time. The BIA is also recommending a petition program in businesses for residents to sign if they want the Wingham force to remain in place.

Respectfully

Dave Tiffin
Secretary
Wingham BIA