

Police Meeting 3:00pm

Jim Campbell welcomed everyone in attendance at 3:08pm and asked that those wishing to ask questions approach the microphone and state their name, ward in which they reside, and their address prior to asking their question.

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Question and Answer Period

Mike Martin [REDACTED]

Question for Dwayne Evans regarding cost calculation of expanding the Wingham Police to Blyth and East Wawanosh

Follow up – by expand you mean adding 2.4 people and equipment.

Brian Sharpe [REDACTED]

Comment regarding the OPP being top heavy, noted no control over OPP costs, indicated that he supports keeping the Wingham Police Service.

Mike Martin [REDACTED]

Question for the OPP, requested an explanation as to whether after transitioning from a municipal service to the OPP if there is a change in criminal statistics.

Response from Peter Marshall and Kulvir Deol, explained OPP billing model and the full time equivalent officers, noted that quarterly reports with statistics are provided.

Follow up – during the transition period the same number of officers will be in the Wingham area, after the 3 year transition period the cost drops so does this mean that less officers will be available in the area and hence there would be more potential for criminal activity and potential for crimes with victims.

Evonne Carter, [REDACTED]

Question for the OPP, does the crime rate go up when a municipality changes to OPP service.

Response from Jason Younan, during the transition period the same number of officers would be in the Wingham area. Noted that Central Huron and Goderich have disbanded and those communities could be contacted to inquire regarding their experience with OPP service.

Mike Martin, [REDACTED]

Requested that Council check with Central Huron and Goderich regarding their experience with the transition to OPP.

Steve Hill, [REDACTED]

Question regarding response times and what the response time of the OPP would be. Would it be quicker than that of the Wingham Police Service.

Commented regarding an incident at the Wingham Hospital.

Response from Kulvir Deol, the OPP have technology to be more efficient including mobile workstations and fleet tracker for dispatch, these items improve response times.

Lorene Casemore, [REDACTED]

Question regarding if North Huron does not select the OPP, who would be responsible for the renovations to the current OPP station in Wingham.

Response from Peter Marshall, the renovations are to support the addition of the Wingham Police Service officers and if Council chooses not to proceed with that option then the renovations would not be required.

Follow up question regarding some examples of items that the OPP may not be charging for currently but may charge for in the future.

Follow up question regarding police presence in the schools.

Response from Jason Younan, noting that the OPP have proactive focused patrols during drop off and pick up times.

Commented that she has lived and had a business in a small community with OPP service and crime rate was higher.

Mike Martin [REDACTED]

Question regarding what the item was that would be moved to Clinton after the 3 year transitional period.

Response from Jason Younan, a new OPP detachment building is being built in Clinton, officers would be moved to Clinton and Wingham facility would be closed.

Follow up question, regarding whether the OPP Wingham facility would be closed in 3 years regardless of whether Wingham were to go select OPP or not.

Response from Jason Younan, yes the plan is to close the Wingham facility once the Clinton one is complete.

Mike Martin, [REDACTED]

Question to Tim Poole, regarding keeping the Wingham Police Service up to date in terms of technology.

Response from Tim Poole, through the OPTIC membership Wingham Police Service maintains updated technology. However, the service does not have mobile workstations because the cost is approximately \$5000 per car.

Steve Hill, [REDACTED]

Commented that Wingham Police require support from OPP.

Question regarding why Wingham would pay twice as much for Wingham Police Service vs. the OPP.

Response from Tim Poole, the OPP provide specialized assistance however the only time that assistance is typically required is during homicide investigations.

George Duvall, [REDACTED]

Commented that he respects the OPP however Wingham Police Service is always available and noted that he often sees them on patrol. Noted that he would like to keep Wingham Police Service.

Bernie Bailey, [REDACTED]

Commented that he is in favour of expanding the Wingham Police Service to Blyth and East Wawanosh.

Question of clarification regarding the proposal to expand the Wingham Police Service and the service level.

Response from Tim Poole, the proposal included one officer in Wingham and one in Blyth and East Wawanosh noting that the proposed expansion is not the same as what the OPP would be providing.

Follow up question regarding the one-time exit costs and if they would be area rated to the Wingham ward, noting that this would equate to a tax increase for Wingham residents, how does Council plan to fund the increase.

Response from Neil Vincent, Council is considering the options and looking for feedback from Wingham ward ratepayers.

Follow up question, the Wingham ward pays for the Wingham Police Service so should it not be only the Reeve and the two Wingham Councillors who make the decision.

Response from Neil Vincent, no Council makes decisions as a whole and this would be a Council decision.

Mike Martin, [REDACTED]

Question for Dwayne Evans, regarding one-time exit costs, why have the funds to cover these costs not been put into reserves anticipating the costs.

Response from Dwayne Evans, he is unable to speak to that item due to being with North Huron for only a short time.

Response from James Campbell, funds have not been included in the budget as funding infrastructure has taken precedence.

Follow up question regarding what the mechanism was which originally formed the Wingham Police and what mechanism would be used to disband.

Response from Tim Poole, referred to the Police Services Act for creation and disbandment of a service.

Response from Neil Vincent, reiterated that feedback from ratepayers is essential to Council to make the decision.

Susan Duvall, [REDACTED]

Commented that she sees the Wingham Police Service multiple times per day, however only sees the OPP twice per week. Noted that the Wingham Police Service know residents and OPP do not, and further noted that she would like to keep the Wingham Police Service.

Response from Peter Marshall, the current Wingham Police Service officers will have the option to apply to the OPP and could end up remaining in Wingham with the OPP should Council proceed.

Evonne Carter, [REDACTED]

Question regarding what happens to the Wingham Police Service officers after the initial three years.

Response from Peter Marshall, the officers would still stay with the community.

Response from Jason Younan, noted that a fair amount of OPP officers live in the Wingham community currently and that there is no plan to displace officers.

Mike Martin, [REDACTED]

Commented by telling a story about an oiler in a factory and related the story to the Wingham Police Service and OPP.

Unidentified female

Commented that she would like to keep the Wingham Police Service.

Steve Hill, [REDACTED]

Question for Tim Poole, the OPP offer many services and issue press releases, what does the Wingham Police Service do in this regard.

Response from Tim Poole, noted that Wingham Police Service issues press releases to bonified media outlets and does much of the same as OPP in this regard. Commented that he just completed a presentation to seniors the week prior, he has conducted drug seminars at FE Madill, however noted that the Wingham Police Service does not have the same media budget as the OPP.

Tim Willis, [REDACTED]

Commented regarding that a similar thing has happened in education. Noted that with the Police Services Board the municipality can direct the service and without the OPP and no Police Services Board there would be less control. Noted that he supports keeping the Wingham Police Service.

Response from Kulvir Deol, explained that a Police Services Board would still exist and commented on the different services offered by the OPP explaining the enhancements using example of requesting a dedicated officer to be made available in the schools.

Evonne Carter, [REDACTED]

Commented that enhanced service means an increased cost which is another service level.

Response from Kulvir Deol, provided clarification regarding enhancements.

Susan Duvall, [REDACTED]

Question regarding whether the decision could be determined by a vote of Wingham and surrounding residents.

Response from Neil Vincent, noted that this is a decision of Council and reiterated that feedback from ratepayers is essential.

Archie MacGowan, [REDACTED]

Commented that he supports the Wingham Police Service and wishes to keep the service. Noted that he does not believe there will be savings as costs will go up and once the local force is disbanded it would be unfeasible to reestablish the force. Noted that there is currently control of collective bargaining through the Police Services Board however with the OPP that would be handled through the province. Noted that it does not make sense to pay for exit costs and renovations for the OPP station in Wingham only to close the facility in the near future.

Response from Peter Marshall and Kulvir Deol, explained the cost of renovations to the OPP station noting that the amount for actual renovations is \$14,000 and the remainder of the \$200,000 is for other costs such as additional equipment and firearms required.

Tim Willis, [REDACTED]

Commented that he still supports keeping Wingham Police Service.

Neil Vincent thanked everyone and ended the meeting at 4:50pm

Police Meeting – 7:00pm

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Neil Vincent introduced staff and Councillors present. Kulvir Deol introduced the OPP members present.

Steve Hill,

Questioned if Wingham Police Service were to become OPP whether the current Wingham Police Service officers would remain in Wingham and requested confirmation that Wingham Police Service officers would have more opportunities for advancement with the OPP.

Response from Jason Younan, current Wingham Police Service officers will have the opportunity to apply for positions with the OPP and would remain in Wingham unless they requested to be transferred.

Follow up question, requested confirmation that Blyth and East Wawanosh wards have low tiered contracts so the cost is less and inquired as to whether this means less service, yes or no.

Response from Kulvir Deol, the OPP does have not tiered contracts, across the province everyone receives the same policing service which is adequate and effective.

Follow up question to Tim Poole, regarding whether he or any of the Wingham Police Service officers are interested in the opportunities for advancement with the OPP.

Response from Tim Poole, indicated that he could not speak for the other officers however there would most likely be more opportunity for advancement with the OPP. Noted that he is retiring in 2019 so he may not transition to the OPP.

Lisa Hernden, [REDACTED]

Question regarding there currently being 24 hour coverage in Wingham and inquired as to how the OPP would provide this level of service

Response from Jason Younan, coverage is based on calls for service and noted that it is common for OPP officers to be in the Wingham area already.

Follow up question, if you are spread out across Huron County how is it possible to maintain the same coverage particularly in terms of visibility at schools.

Response from Jason Younan, noted that a special officer is available to support schools in Huron County and that specific officers are available for traffic control during key times.

Follow up question regarding response times, currently the calls go to a local officer that is in town, how would that work with contacting the OPP.

Response from Jason Younan, noted that he cannot say with certainty that someone will always be in Wingham but in the regular day someone would typically be in Wingham.

Response from Kulvir Deol, noted that OPP are equipped with mobile workstations, and utilize fleet tracking which enables effective dispatching and response times.

Follow up question regarding cost and the initial 3 year transitional period, inquired if Wingham is the first community to have gone through the 3 year transition period or are there others now in the billing model.

Response from Peter Marshall, indicated that he could not provide exact information but suggested contacting the City of Pembroke who has gone through the process and is now in the OPP billing model.

Jason Schiestel, [REDACTED]

Commented that during the 3 year transition there would be 7 officers,

Question regarding after the 3 years, what is the number of officers at that time

Response from Kulvir Deol, noted that after the 3 year transition the number of officers would remain at 7 in the area however the officers would be moving around Huron County.

Archie MacGowan, [REDACTED]

Commented that there is uncertainty after the 3 year transition period noting that prices could increase. Noted that call volumes are cyclical. Indicated that he strongly supports the Wingham Police Service and requests Wingham Councillors to support the Wingham Police Service as well. Noted that there will not be savings in the short term and switching to OPP gives away control of things like collective bargaining. Noted that the OPP will not provide the same level of visibility. Noted that the last time a review like this of the Wingham Police Service was done the public support was to keep the Wingham

Police Service. Noted that it would be possible to reestablish the Wingham Police Service if we switched to the OPP. Indicated that he is concerned that Wingham will not get the same level of service as it receives now.

Evonne Carter, [REDACTED]

Question regarding whether the OPP can guarantee that there will be a car on the streets in Wingham at all times yes or no answer only.

Response from Jason Younan, no.

Ken Wood, [REDACTED]

Commented regarding response time of Wingham Police Service to schools has always been quick and noted that he supports keeping the Wingham Police Service.

Question regarding whether it is possible to have an OPP officer at the high school within one minute yes or no answer.

Response from Jason Younan, no.

Steve Hill, [REDACTED]

Question regarding whether the Wingham Police Service can respond to call within 1 minute and whether the Wingham Police Service can say that there is a car on the road in Wingham at all times.

Response from Tim Poole, noted that he cannot say that a car will be on the road at all times in Wingham as they may be doing paperwork. Noted that the Wingham Police Service can respond within a minute or two.

Follow up question, regarding whether the OPP could accomplish a similar response time.

Response from Jason Younan, indicated that yes depending on availability of officers a similar response time would be possible.

Dave Hill, [REDACTED]

Question regarding the situation if roads are closed how would an OPP officer get to Wingham

Response from Jason Younan, noted that the OPP are able to travel on closed roads. The OPP also have other equipment available such as ATV's and snowmobiles if required.

Follow up question, who ultimately makes the final decision regarding Wingham ward policing.

Response from Neil Vincent, noted that this is a Council decision and that feedback from the public is important to the process.

Steve Hill, [REDACTED]

Question regarding whether all councillors will make the decision or Wingham ward councillors only

Follow up question, if council were to hold a plebiscite vote would that be honoured.

Response from Neil Vincent, yes he would honour a vote and noted that the decision would be made by Council as a whole.

Denny Scott [REDACTED]

Question regarding where funds in the amount of \$450-480,000 for exit costs will come from and whether this expense would be area rated to the Wingham ward.

Response from Neil Vincent, yes it would be area rated. The CAO and Director of Finance are working on scenarios to source the funds.

Jason Schiestel [REDACTED]

Question regarding the cost to have a full time officer in Wingham as an enhancement after the 3 year contract.

Response from Peter Marshal, noted that the current constable cost is around \$98,000 plus other expenses however cannot say what that may be beyond year 3.

Follow up comment that he lives by the high school and kids drive erratically, without a police presence he worries that someone will be hurt.

Response from Jason Younan, explained the resources available from the OPP to provide visibility at schools.

Bill McGrath [REDACTED]

Question regarding the true cost of what you will provide today vs. what I am currently getting today.

Follow up question regarding what the OPP will cost 5 years from now, noted that that it would not be possible to go back to the Wingham Police Service.

Follow up question regarding a scenario where the OPP decides that another car is needed in Wingham who pays for that. Noted that he believes it is Wingham residents that would pay.

Follow up question requesting the cost for a 5 year contract with what Wingham is receiving today.

Response from Peter Marshal, noted that the contract that is put in place is a 3 year term to gather information prior to entering into the billing model. The municipality has the option to select a Section 10 which has a Police Services Board or a Section 5.1 which means no contract and the Police Services Board would be disbanded. Noted that he cannot say for certain what the cost would be beyond 3 years however the CAO has provided an estimate based on what is known today.

Follow up comment that at the end of 3 years there is nothing left and the Police Services Board is disbanded.

Response from Peter Marshall, noted that it is a difficult decision however the municipality would need to make that decision.

John Brown [REDACTED]

Commented that he had previously expressed concerns at the Town Hall Public Meeting.

Question regarding whether Council is considering expansion of the Wingham Police Service to the Blyth and East Wawanosh wards.

Response from Neil Vincent, noted that there is no appetite for a change in Blyth and East Wawanosh.

Jason Schiestel, [REDACTED]

Question regarding whether the one time exit costs would be added to one year or spread out.

Response from Dwayne Evans, noted that discussion would need to take place with the Treasurer but that staff are currently evaluating ideas and are not expecting that the cost would be funded all in one year.

Lisa Hearnden, [REDACTED]

Comment regarding the quality of the officers will be the same but the quantity of service will not be the same. Noted that she would like to remain with the Wingham Police Service.

Response from Jason Younan, noted that the Wingham Police Service and the OPP collaborate often and outlined the services provided by OPP. Noted that the OPP is an effective police service and can provide effective service to Wingham. Noted that the integrated services model provides access to additional resources.

Archie MacGowan, [REDACTED]

Question regarding what the next steps in the process are now.

Response from Neil Vincent, noted that a decision is required prior to end of March and indicated that a decision could potentially be made at the February 20 Council Meeting. Urged residents to provide feedback to aid in Council's decision.

Response from Dwayne Evans, noted that everything being recorded and will be summarized and form a report to Council with all information. Council has until March 25 to make this decision. Noted that additional comments will be received and requested that they be sent in as soon as possible to ensure they are included in the report.

Bill Gregoriadis, [REDACTED]

Question regarding whether the Wingham Police Service officers have been asked for their opinions regarding this process.

Response from Neil Vincent, noted that the Wingham Police Services officers may voice their concerns to the Police Services Board. Further noted that nothing has come to him or Council as of yet.

Neil Vincent thanked all those in attendance ending the meeting at 8:26pm

Dwayne Evans

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 4:29 PM
To: Yolanda Ritesma; Neil Vincent; Bill Knott; Trevor Seip; Ray Hallahan; Brock Vodden; James Campbell
Cc: Dwayne Evans
Subject: OPP

Dear Mr. Al:

I am writing to voice my support of maintaining the Wingham Police Service. I believe the majority of Wingham citizens have said recently and in the past that we want to keep our police department.

The cost of maintaining our own department is priceless in terms of quick response times and knowing that an officer or officers are on duty at all times and based in town. For example, last year while crossing the Hanna bridge I watched a group of kids climbing on the bridge, with what looked like, the intent to jump into the river below. I was able to drive to the police station, explain the situation and the office was at the bridge within minutes, ensuring the kids did not jump from the bridge into the water below. That kind of response time will not be available if we switch to the OPP. I like that feeling of security that comes with having our own Police force. I appreciate the services that are provided to our community.

I feel that the figures quoted by the OPP are misleading. They are based on nothing changing and no additional services being needed. For example, in the past we have had a murder investigation and a person running around town with a gun. The OPP was available for assistance with both incidents. With our current system, OPP services such as, investigation costs, prisoner transfers, court time **are NOT billed to the municipality as the OPP are obliged to provide them upon request – they are paid in advance from our Provincial tax levy.** If we switch, another murder or man running around town with a gun, a school lockdown, could set the town back hundreds of thousands of dollars as neither would be covered under the “basic plan” council is considering. Additionally, salaries will increase, the price of fueling vehicles will increase, the wear and tear on the vehicles will be higher with driving back and forth to Clinton to name just a few. Is our contribution/cost toward the new Clinton detachment covered in the amount that has been quoted?

I believe it is the duty of our elected officials to listen to their constituents. Please do not let the voice of the few, whose constant complaining and only consideration is saving their own money as opposed to the safety, security and overall benefit of our town, be the deciding factor in your decision. Our town is more than the bottom line and at the current moment, even if that was the only consideration, we are not certain switching to the OPP is the best option. The OPP is not going anywhere. If money is the only concern, why not wait and see how this plays out for other communities who have made the switch in 2017/2018, at the end of their 5th year.

If council were to do their due diligence they would realize that the smaller communities who have switched to OPP have regretted that decision immensely but lack the funds to go back. Please, let us not join those communities.

January 31, 2018.

Township of North Huron

Regarding the issue of policing in the various portions of North Huron.

As a business owner and resident of Blyth it is my opinion that we presently have sufficient police protection with the OPP.

I also strongly believe that the current Wingham Police Department are overbearing and myself, my immediate family

and various others I have spoken with have had negative experiences with the "ticket in hand and pen happy" Wingham

Police Department. Having lived in various rural area's, towns and cities throughout Ontario over the past 60 plus years I have

never encountered a police force I had so much disrespect for and am strongly opposed to having the that type of

enforcement where I reside. And FYI; I am NOT anti-police. Have police officers in my family and it seems as though there

is a different mandate between the Wingham Department and others I am familiar with.

And then there is the issue of costs. We presently have sufficient police protection and property taxes that are already

far too high. To increase the financial burden on our residents and businesses to provide an unnecessary and in my mind

a very undesirable type of protection is absurd and anything but fiscally responsible. As for the citizens of Wingham. If they so

wish to continue the status quo rather than choose substantial long term financial savings by switching to the OPP that is

for them to decide.

Dan Bailey

Dwayne Evans

From: Dwayne Evans
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2018 10:02 PM
To: Karl Ellis
Cc: Richard Al
Subject: Fw: Police

Hello Karl,

Thanks for your email. Below is the OPP's response.

Please share this response with the appropriate individuals.

Thanks,
Dwayne

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2018 1:17 PM
To: Deol, Kulvir (OPP)
Cc: Marshall, Peter J. (OPP); Burrow, Wendy (OPP)
Subject: RE: Police

Good Afternoon,

As you are aware we do not track our response times. We currently respond to and provide timely responses to hospitals across Huron County for similar issues mentioned below. We provide this response as a county deployed police service where our members are strategically deployed based on analyzed data and community needs. We've received no complaints to date regarding the timeliness of our responses. In Huron County we have regular meetings with hospital administrators regarding their responsibilities relative to hospital security and their mitigation strategies regarding violent and/or missing patients.

If the hospital has any data regarding the number of times they have contacted police for assistance in Wingham, I would be interested in reviewing the same. I am also interested to know if the hospital below has a signed Transfer of Care protocol with the OPP in Listowel or any other police agency.

Thanks,
Jason

Jason Younan
Inspector - Detachment Commander
Ontario Provincial Police - Huron Detachment

From: [REDACTED]
Date: January 18, 2018 at 3:59:07 PM EST
To: "Dwayne Evans" [REDACTED]
Cc: Cherie Dolmage [REDACTED]



North Huron Council
Wingham Town Hall
Wingham, ON
N0G 2W0

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

Begin forwarded message:

From: Mary Campbell [REDACTED]
Date: January 29, 2018 at 3:21:00 PM EST
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Policing

I wish to express my appreciation for the Wingham Police force, and ask that you vote to retain their services. Thank you Mary Campbell [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Mary Beth Foxton-Chippa [REDACTED]
Date: January 26, 2018 at 4:59:41 PM EST
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Wingham Ward Policing

Dear Mr. Al:

I am writing to voice my support in favour of maintaining the Wingham Police Service. I believe the citizens of Wingham have said recently and in the past that we want to keep our police department. The cost of maintaining our own department is priceless in terms of quick response times and knowing that an officer or officers are on duty at all times and based in town. I like that feeling of security in our small town. I like the services that are provided to our community.

I feel that the figures quoted by the OPP are misleading as I know of nothing where costs go down over the years. Salaries will increase, the price of fueling vehicles will increase and the wear and tear on the vehicles will be more with driving back and forth to Clinton to name just a few.

I believe it is the duty of our elected officials to listen to their constituents. Please do not let the voice of the few loud and negative persons influence their decisions. If council were to do their due diligence they would realize that the smaller communities who have switched to OPP have regretted that decision immensely but lack the funds to go back. Please, let us not join those communities.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Beth Foxton-Chippa
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Begin forwarded message:

From: Blyth Printing [REDACTED]
Date: January 29, 2018 at 3:53:00 PM EST
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Wingham Police in Blyth

Good Day,

Being a business owner and valuing my business relationship with the township I typically avoid voicing any opinions on politics etc.
That being said on the topic of expanding the Wingham Town Police force I want it known that I am vehemently opposed to it.
Our costs and taxes have risen exponentially over the past years and I don't want to pay extra taxes for a service I feel we don't need.
Other municipalities did away with small police forces 25 – 30 years ago due to the costs of carrying on status quo being too high and not economically feasible.
I am proud to live and own a business in North Huron and want to stay here not being forced out due to unneeded services making the cost of living out of my financial reach.
I spoke to Councillor Brock Vodden and he stated the cost of O.P.P. is estimated to rise in the future – my answer was if you think that our local Force would stay at a static cost you are sadly mistaken.
I have also spoken to some Wingham residents who say they are not in favour of keeping the local force.
In my opinion this is a matter that has huge financial impact on not only us but future generations. I suggest we have a vote allowing all rate payers the right to have a say in the matter.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion.

Regards,

Ken Whitmore

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: John Manning [REDACTED]
Date: January 26, 2018 at 3:09:56 PM EST
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: north huron policing options

From John C manning [REDACTED] am responding to the request in this weeks Citizen for comments on the upcoming policing policy. From the coverage in the paper it seems like the people in Wingham are totally in love with their police force and are more than happy to deal with the very high cost of it going forward. In my humble opinion much like every other small municipal area it should have been cancelled years ago. I strongly object to any idea of expanding it to cover Blyth. If I have to pay a little bit more to continue with the O.P.P (the real Police) I am OK with that but to double the cost for us is insane .Even with North Huron's track record of controlling costs, wasting money on consultants, and struggling to hire competent people, hopefully the right decision will be made for the taxpayers of Blyth this time for once. Thanking you giving me the chance to speak to this issue.

January 29, 2018

The Twp of North Huron Council

Your Worship and Council members,

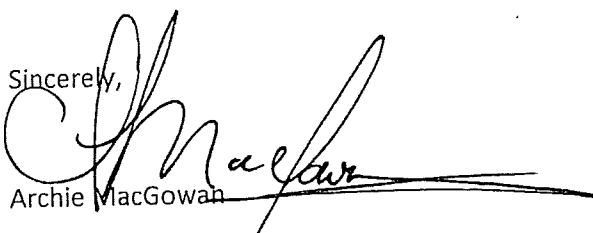


I have taken the time to review the contract policing proposal from the OPP dated August 30, 2017. I have also reviewed the CAOs "Wingham Ward Policing Analysis" and I have also attended the public meetings regarding this issue. This coupled with my historic knowledge of disbandment's within Huron County and the challenges that has caused I am writing to you today to express my opinion that it would be my wish for Wingham to maintain its Municipal Police Force.

As a ratepayer in Wingham I have become used to those who claim moving to the OPP would be cheaper and have known this not to be true from the various Municipal contracts that I have known over the years as well as my years of experience on the Police Services Board. The only way that policing becomes cheaper is if you reduce the service level and it would seem that there are not that many Wingham ratepayers that have an appetite for that option.

This issue has had a substantial amount of time and money spent on it and now that it has become clear that the residents of Wingham are not in favour in transitioning to the OPP it is my hope that the two Wingham councillors as well as all of Council will listen to them and stop pushing this issue. The residents are not alright with paying more over the course of the three year transition agreement nor are they alright with a lower level of service after the three years just so that some councillors can claim that it saved money.

In closing I just have to say that this community is very proud of their Municipal force and we are used to seeing them often. We like that level of service, even though we know its cost us more but that is the level of service that we feel we want and need to keep our schools our streets, our families and our children safe.

Sincerely,


Archie MacGowan



From: [REDACTED]
Date: January 25, 2018 at 4:50:43 PM EST
To: [REDACTED]
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Inspector – Detachment Commander
Ontario Provincial Police – Huron Detachment
(519) [REDACTED] Office
(519) [REDACTED]
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Date: January 18, 2018 at 3:59:07 PM EST
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Boshart [REDACTED] "Sandra Albrecht" <sandra.albrecht@lwha.ca> "Tina Seip"
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From: Deol, Kulvir (OPP) [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2018 2:37 PM
To: Dwayne Evans
Cc: Marshall, Peter J. (OPP); Deol, Kulvir (OPP); Younan, Jason (OPP)
Subject: Fw: Police

Mr. Evans,

Please find below the response from Inspector Jason Younan, Detachment Commander of Huron County OPP reference the question of hospital response.

Thank you,

Kulvir Deol
Sergeant
Contract Analyst (West Region)
Municipal Policing Bureau
General Headquarters
Ontario Provincial Police
Work / [REDACTED]
Cell / [REDACTED]
Email: Kulvir.Deol@ontario.ca

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Insp. Younan,

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Thank you,

KULVIR DEOL

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Kulvir,

Please see below.

If you would like to comment, please do so.

Thanks,
Dwayne

Sent from my iPhone

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January 29, 2018

To The Members of the North Huron Council -

When I was told by the OPP officer at the January 17, 2018 meeting at the Wingham Town Hall that the OPP could not have even one cruiser in the town of Wingham, after the first three years, it made me very uncertain as to what we were actually getting for our money, if anything?

Our Wingham Police Service has at least one officer and cruiser available at all times in our town. That officer MAY be doing reports, but, he is still available at a moments

notice. He doesn't have to be summoned from a neighbouring community I.P. Sometimes a crime has to be tended to at a moment's notice, six to ten minutes is too late!!

ALSO - At that same meeting, the OPP insisted that there was no layered policing policy, BUT, they have a piece for "Standard Level" policing service and everything else is labelled as "enhanced" which means we pay extra! This "standard level" of policing list was very quickly skimmed over during the presentation, and thus,

specific questions were not asked, ~~and~~ or answered, in regards to it at the meetings.

I feel it's very sad that our community has been left to feel that OPP pricing for the same service is going to be less expensive than the Wingham Police Service, when in reality, in truth, it is exactly the opposite?

In the presentation, in years 4 and 5, the comparison was OPP bare bones, drive through, service to our Town Police full service? I felt deceived and that it was unfair to do so? This

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made the OPP look less expensive when in reality it will be more expensive as other communities have experienced. Mount Trust, Kincardine, and South Bruce are not happy with the OPP and St Marys has left the OPP to join the Stratford police service. Also, there are communities near Owen Sound that are considering joining the Owen Sound service. If OPP is so good why is this happening??

Also, there have been several vehicle thefts etc. in communities neighbouring us. I feel this should be a lesson for us to keep our

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Wingham Police Service.

I feel that, in the long run, not only is OPP policing going to be a lesser service, but also in order to get the service we now have and need, more expensive!

Therefore, I, as many, if not most, of the Wingham community, feel that keeping our present Wingham Police Service is the best choice, both for safety sake, as well as financially!!

Livonne Carter

~~Wingham Police Service~~
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Members of North Huron Council

my name is Dale Beninger

my address is

my phone number is

My opinion is we should stay with our Town of Wingham Police Service as it is.

O.P.P. say they are less expensive but that is not true, I have relatives in Walkerton and I get the Walkerton newspaper and remember articles and columns when the contract was up for renewal, and was alot more expensive after the first 3 year term, then what they were told. The cost was so much higher that they went on a "per call system" for a while, until it was settled, and it was more then they were told, but they settled on a contract.

Remember when alot of Ontario went O.P.P., many towns would have went back to what they had before but after all the equipment is gone its too late because it would be very expensive to start over again.

Also how can O.P.P. be less expensive when their contract says they must be the highest paid police force in Ontario.

If the office will be centralized in Clinton alot of things will have to be handled there

That's a long way to go for small things,
and in the winter that's a long way when the
roads are closed, no matter whether it's small
things or big emergencies.

Also relatives of mine say when you call for
help they could be hours before they get to you call
if at all. Our police are there when we need them.

These are only a few things I have here
and I know you will have many other options to
read, but my opinion is stay with our
"Town of Wingham Police Services" as most people are
happy with our police services.

Dale Beninger

Keep our present town police
whatever you do.

(3) The cost of switching to OPP after
the first 3 yrs. is going to sky-rocket,
+ people on fixed income cannot afford
their taxes to balloon upward.

+ The roads in town need help, (more \$\$\$)
the museum apparently needs repairs, (more \$\$\$)

+ The paint job & window repair on the
town hall was never completed, (more \$\$\$)
the wages of all our present staff receive
way more than \$14.00 an hour. (lots of \$\$\$).

+ The town simply cannot afford the OPP.

+ Their presence won't be here daily anyway.
Talk to Walkerton people; unhappy about then
switching to OPP.

Who started this ruckus anyway about switching
to OPP. Shame on them!
Marjorie McKay, [REDACTED]

Jan 20th 2018
To The Town of North Huron

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Then Came back and took the Time to
explain what we could do and what Meth
dose to the mind (Why This Happen)
He checked on us Till we got in to Court.
He made Shure we were Safe.

He had Patrol from the Police officer's check on
us.

With OPP we be a number and Our Crime
Rate will go up.

The Wingham Police Service do an Outstanding
Job.

We move here because of them.

IF we have OPP Take Over at Some Point
Our response times will Get less
and are Crime rate will Go up.

IF are Taxes have to go up to Keep
the Wingham Police Then So be it

Enriching our Community is What
These Extraordinary Officer's Do.

"We WANT To Keep Wingham Police Services"

Susan & George Duvall

[REDACTED]

Dwayne Evans

From: [REDACTED]
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To: Dwayne Evans
Subject: North Huron - Wingham Police Service

North Huron General Contact Form

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Mark Foxton



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