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Dear Council Members:

You are all well aware of my position with regards to the policing options. In fairness to everyone concerned with the costing, it was at times a confusing process. At no time was there a **clear comparison** of the projected costing estimates in light of any **new information** that came forward before the final vote.

The presentation to council December 04, 2017 by the CAO shows side by side comparison which was easy to understand(see attachment). However, as the process moved forward with different options and scenarios this picture became blurred.

It wasn't until the last public meeting that the revelation to maintain the current force would require additional officers, along with upgrading computer services, more vehicles etc. etc.

Couldn't council revisit the OPP option in light of the new cost estimates? Explain that there is now new information that was not clear at decision time. Even with a revised WPS budget for this year the problem is simply being forwarded to 2019 and beyond. At least with the OPP the cost would have decreased after year three but the WPS budget is now on an upward trajectory and will forever be a burden to the ratepayers.

As for any notion of expansion of WPS to East Wawanosh and Blyth there is still no appetite to give up the OPP. Redirecting the current funding to WPS will simply open the door for future councils to eventually further expand services and possibly equalization of policing costs which as you all know would result in massive tax hikes for North Huron's southern wards a burden we do not want.

I want to make it clear that I respect the work of all police services, Wingham being no exception. My opposition is driven solely by the fact that a municipality the size of Wingham or North Huron simply can no longer afford it, the tax base is just not there.

Sincerely:



John Brown



## Wingham Ward Policing

Year	OPP Service	Wingham Service	Savings
2019	\$1,454,753	\$1,165,459	-289,294
One time exit costs	\$450,000		-450,000
2020	\$1,285,363	\$1,170,265	-115,097
2021	\$1,311,070	\$1,195,569	-115,500
2022	\$801,972	\$1,219,480	417,508
2023	\$818,011	\$1,243,870	425,859
2024	\$834,371	\$1,268,747	434,376
2025	\$851,059	\$1,294,122	443,063
2026	\$868,080	\$1,320,004	451,924
2027	\$885,441	\$1,346,404	460,963
2028	\$903,150	\$1,373,333	470,183
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,463,270</b>	<b>\$12,597,256</b>	<b>2,133,986</b>
<b>AVERAGE PER YEAR</b>	<b>\$1,046,327</b>	<b>\$1,259,725</b>	<b>213,398</b>



## Projected Cost Summary

Years	OPP (\$)	Wingham Ward Police Service (\$)	Wingham, Blyth, East Wawanosh (\$)
2019	1,454,753	1,165,459	1,666,222*
2020	1,285,363**	1,170,265**	1,601,181**
2021	1,311,070**	1,195,569**	1,635,105**
2022	801,972	1,219,480**	1,667,807**
2023	818,011**	1,243,870**	1,701,163**
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,671,169</b>	<b>5,994,644</b>	<b>8,271,477</b>
<b>Average Per Year</b>	<b>1,134,234</b>	<b>1,198,928</b>	<b>1,654,296</b>
<b>One Time Exit Costs</b>	<b>\$450,000</b>		

\* Includes one time capital expenses (\$78,300) + building repairs, improvements (\$40,000)

\*\* Includes 2% CPI