



TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

REPORT

Item No. A-16-4-3

REPORT TO: Reeve Vincent and Members of Council
PREPARED BY: Sharon Chambers, CAO
DATE: 03/03/2016
SUBJECT: OPP Costing Proposal – Advisory Committee
ATTACHMENTS: none

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives CAO Report #A-16-4-3 concerning establishment of an Policing Advisory Committee;
AND FURTHER THAT Council hereby appoints the following individuals to the Policing Advisory Committee;
Wingham Police Chief Tim Poole, North Huron Police Services Board (NHPSB) Chair/North Huron Councillor Trevor Seip, Reeve Neil Vincent, NHPSB member Bill Gregoriadis
AND FURTHER THAT Council appoints the following staff resources to the committee; CAO Sharon Chambers, Committee Secretary – Kathy Adams, Clerk.
AND FURTHER THAT the Clerk is directed to prepare a by-law to ratify the appointment
AND FURTHER THAT the Committee shall develop Terms of Reference to be approved by Council and attached as a schedule to the Policing Advisory Committee Appointment By-law.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 40 of the *Police Services Act* sets out the following pertaining to the reduction or abolition of a police force;

40. (1) A board may terminate the employment of a member of the police force for the purpose of abolishing the police force or reducing its size if the Commission consents and if the abolition or reduction does not contravene this Act.

The **Policing Options Guidebook 2012** establishes protocol for amalgamations and disbandment of Police Services. When considering requests to abolish Police Services under Section 40, the Ontario Civilian Police Commission will ensure that the new arrangement will provide adequate police services to meet the needs of the community, and will also ensure that the current members of the Police Service be dealt with fairly and reasonably. The Commission does not decide between alternative proposals or assess which method of providing services will be most economical, or preferred by the community. That decision rests solely with the local community, through the Municipal Council. The Commission will ask questions to ensure that the Council has allowed for public input into their decision-making.

If a Municipality wishes to seek approval to abolish the Municipal Police Service, The Commission will convene a public meeting in the community. After considering all of the information, the Commission will issue a written decision.

Upon the official request from a municipality or a designated body for a police service delivery proposal, a joint advisory committee should be formed to establish a framework. At a minimum,

the committee should consist of the local Police Chief, the local O.P.P. Detachment Commander, designated Municipal Officials and representatives of the Police Services Board.

DISCUSSION

Sergeant Kevin Hummel of the Municipal Policing Bureau has been the primary contact for the Township pertaining to this request and has indicated that the O.P.P. will provide representation on the committee. The CAO has consulted with Reeve Vincent and Councillor Seip, as Chair of the North Huron Police Services Board and the recommendation to appoint individuals to the committee is based on their input. Proposed committee members have been asked if they would sit on the committee and all have consented.

It is recommended as a best practice that Terms of Reference be developed for the Advisory Committee and approved by the Council. This is consistent with the North Huron Procedural By-law and Committee Appointment Policy.

Communication with the public and stakeholders will be important throughout the process. A communication strategy should be developed for the project.

Sergeant Hummel would like to schedule an introductory meeting in the next two weeks. The CAO requests discussion among the appointed members concerning scheduling of this meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The financial impact of potential changes to North Huron policing arrangements will be investigated during the Policing Review.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

The Policing Review will include an OPP Costing Proposal and consideration to extend Wingham Police Service to Blyth and East Wawanosh. Ultimately, the decision could impact the level of service and costs within each of North Huron's service areas.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

GOAL: Our administration is fiscally responsible and strives for operational excellence

Outcome: We control costs and keep our tax levels competitive

Action: Identify and implement cost savings and efficiencies through Program and Expenditure Review

Sharon Chambers, CAO