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January 20, 2017

Infrastructure Ontario
Board of Directors
Attention: Linda D. Robinson, Interim Chair
Suite 2000, 1 Dundas Street West
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Ms. Robinson,

RE: Huron County OPP Detachment Facility

This is to advise that we have received a resolution from Huron East pertaining to the location of the proposed new OPP Detachment Facility. Further to the resolution of Huron East, please find attached a copy of the resolutions expressing detailed concerns of the Town of Goderich that should be considered prior to any decision on the location of a new policing facility. We further note that one of the reasons Huron East supports the resolution is because they state Highway 21 is closed more than other highways. We believe this to be not necessarily true and a detailed analysis should be undertaken as to road closures over the past number of years by Infrastructure Ontario to verify their statement. We do however note that the last report from the OPP with regards to road closures indicated the following:

As of 9:00 a.m. Huron County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has closed the following roadways:

- **Bluewater Veterans Highway (Highway 21) from Amberley to Bayfield**
- **Huron Road (Highway 8) from Goderich to Dublin**
- **London Road (Highway 4) from Exeter to Clinton**
- **London Road (County 4) from Clinton to Wingham**
- **Mill Road (County 3) from Bayfield to Brucefield**
- **Blyth Road (County #25) from Bluewater Veteran's Highway to Perth County**
- **Amberley Road (County 86) from Bluewater Veteran's Highway through to Molesworth**
- **Harriston Road (County 87) from Bluevale to Harriston**

Attempting to drive on these roadways is currently hazardous and should not be attempted. Do not jeopardize your safety by driving on these roadways. Motorists should also be aware that other roadways such as local municipal roadways may not be suitable for travel and motorists should exercise good judgement and avoid all unnecessary travel until the conditions improve.

You will note from the above that even the possible proposed location somewhere around Highway 4 in Clinton area had major roads closed between Blyth, Clinton and London, Clinton Seaforth and Stratford.

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of Goderich Town Council,

Yours truly,



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Cc; Kevin Flynn, Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services
Matthew Torigian, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services
Lisa Thompson, MPP for Huron-Bruce
Inspector Jason Younan, Huron OPP Detachment Commander
All Huron County Lower Tier Municipalities
County of Huron



TOWN OF GODERICH

DATE: October 24, 2016

MOVED BY: Councillor Murdock

SECONDED BY: Councillor Bazinet

Preamble: The purpose of the following resolution is to recognize that the Provincial Government is working to improve community safety and better support modern policing operations by updating Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) facilities across the Province and that they may be considering a site farther away from the current location on Highway 21 and the Town of Goderich, based on a criteria that a site should be more centrally located in the County. The following resolution is to provide the Province with the concerns of the Town of Goderich in centralizing the facility yet supporting the construction of a new OPP Detachment facility. The Town of Goderich also requests to have input during the selection process and consideration of all of the Town of Goderich concerns in order to resolve the most appropriate location considering all factors contained in this resolution.

Whereas the Province of Ontario is working to improve community safety and better support modern policing operations by updating Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) facilities across the Province;

And Whereas the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services has announced funding for nine new detachments to be constructed in Ontario, replacing buildings at the end of their useful lifespan;

And Whereas a new detachment will be constructed in Huron County;

And Whereas the Town of Goderich strongly supports the construction of a new OPP Detachment facility;

And Whereas Infrastructure Ontario will be responsible for identifying and preparing the site for the planned development and managing the facility design and construction process;

And Whereas the location of the Detachment has not been determined;

And Whereas the Town of Goderich Council suggest that locating such facility in the vicinity of the Huron County Courthouse in the Town of Goderich, in the largest urban

centre, best meets the program and service delivery needs of the OPP including Provincial Accessibility requirements;

And Whereas there are currently 277 acres of land owned by Infrastructure Ontario at the site of the former Bluewater Youth Centre, located in the vicinity of Goderich as well as available land within the Town of Goderich;

And Whereas the site of the former Bluewater Youth Centre has municipal water services provided by the Town of Goderich pursuant to an agreement;

And Whereas the Ontario Civilian Commission on Police Services rendered a decision approving permission to abolish the Goderich Police Service in 1997 and considered the current OPP facility as important in making that decision due to the proximity of the current OPP facility;

And Whereas the Ontario Civilian Commission ruled that use of the holding facilities at the current location of the Huron County OPP Detachment satisfied their requirements to allow the Town of Goderich to enter into an OPP contract in order to provide adequate and effective policing by the OPP and further that there currently exists an agreement for holding cell facilities at the current OPP Detachment located on Highway 21 between the Town of Goderich and the Province;

And Whereas the Ministry of the Attorney General conducts court proceedings in the Huron County Court House, Town of Goderich;

And Whereas the Town of Goderich has the only mental health facility in the County located at the Alexandra Marine and General Hospital, in Goderich which requires more and more OPP resources and presence;

And Whereas the OPP Marine Unit works closely and cooperatively with the existing Canadian Coast Guard located at the Goderich Harbour for marine rescue exercises and marine rescue;

And Whereas staff of Infrastructure Ontario have indicated “that a preferred location would be more geographically central in the County and generally more accessible” and although this may on the surface be supported, it does not consider the above concerns of the Town of Goderich and in addition, the following:

- Locating in the largest urban centre and all the amenities available must be a consideration
- Locating a new OPP Detachment in some counties in a central area may be more appropriate, however locating adjacent to possible non compatible uses and also surrounded by thousands of acres of agricultural properties away from the main urban area may not be appropriate
- Locating in a remote area may not meet the accessibility criteria established through various Ministries
- The Town of Goderich is located at the junction of two of the busiest provincial highways, being highway 8 and highway 21, within a minimum of 150 km (90

miles) from other major centres and provide direct access to the major 400 series highways and the United States border.

- Highway 8 is a major employment route to Goderich and Highway 21 is a major tourist highway serving communities from Lambton County to Grey County
- These highway provides a major route for employment and traffic of salt from the largest employer in the County which is Compass Minerals (Sifto Canada), the largest operating Salt Mine in the world
- These are major transportation routes for hazardous material and JIT (just in time) trucking for numerous commodities

And Whereas the Town of Goderich believes the original decision to locate the OPP Detachment on Highway 21 in the 1960s was for many of the same reasons stated above;

And Whereas a business case should be prepared which would contain the existing cost of operations concerning courts, mental health activities and transportation costs if a location farther away is proposed and compared to existing costs;

Now therefore that Council hereby authorize Town of Goderich staff to follow up with the appropriate Ministry(s) concerning the location for a new Huron County OPP Detachment, and that the Town of Goderich not only be informed of any proposed location(s), but be part of the process in determining such location, and that the necessary resources be acquired in order to facilitate Council's request and that the above be considered during this process by Infrastructure Ontario and that this resolution be forwarded as required to all concerned, as determined by staff.

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January 11th, 2017.

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Attention: Linda D. Robinson, Interim Chair

Dear Ms. Robinson:

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JAN 10 2016

RE: Huron County OPP Detachment Facility

Council of the Municipality of Huron East passed the following resolution at their regular meeting on Tuesday, January 10th, 2017.

It was duly moved and seconded:

THAT WHEREAS the Province of Ontario is working to improve community safety and further support modern policing operations by updating the Ontario Provincial Police facilities across the province;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services has announced funding for 9 detachments to be constructed in Ontario replacing buildings that are at the end of their lifespan;

AND WHEREAS a new detachment is listed for Huron County;

AND WHEREAS the current detachment location is located on Highway 21 that is one of the first to close during inclement winter weather;

AND WHEREAS the current detachment location is not geographically central within the County;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of Huron East supports the construction of a new detachment within Huron County;

AND WHEREAS Infrastructure Ontario will be responsible for identifying and preparing site development in addition to the management of the design and supervision of the construction process;

AND WHEREAS the location of the Huron County detachment has not yet been determined;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Huron East strongly recommends a centralized location to serve and support all residents;

AND WHEREAS a centralized OPP Detachment location can best serve all 5 hospitals, 8 nursing homes/homes for the aged, which are all requiring additional police assistance more often than before;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Council of the Municipality of Huron East authorize staff to contact Infrastructure Ontario concerning the location of a new Huron County OPP Detachment, and that the above information be considered and that the Municipality of Huron East be informed of the proposed location and that this resolution be circulated to all lower tier Huron County Municipalities and Huron County Council and furthermore that a copy be sent to the following:

Infrastructure Ontario Board of Directors and Senior Management
Kevin Flynn, Minister, Community Safety and Correctional Services
Matthew Torigan, Deputy Minister, Community Safety and Correctional Services
Lisa Thompson, MPP for Huron-Bruce
Inspector Jason Younan, Huron OPP Detachment Commander

Any assistance you can provide in regards to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,



Brad Knight,
CAO/Clerk.

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c.c. Kevin Flynn, Minister, Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services
Matthew Torigan, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services
Lisa Thompson, MPP for Huron-Bruce
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All Lower Tier Municipalities/County of Huron
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O/Resolution-Municipalities/IOPP Detachment Location