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## Town of Whitewater Region Council Resolution - Ontario Provincial Police Costs 2025

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 1 attachments (202 KB)

OPP Notice of Motion.pdf;

Dear Premier Ford,

Please find attached a letter from the Township of Whitewater Region Council regarding sustainable funding for Ontario Provincial Police services in rural municipalities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Carmen Miller

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## Certified True Copy

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

### Re: Resolution - OPP Notice of Motion for funding support - Municipality of Tweed

At its meeting of October 16, 2024, the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region adopted the following resolution:

**WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of small rural Ontario;**

**AND WHEREAS Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both**

**upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads, bridges, water/ wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets:**

**AND WHEREAS small rural Ontario's operating needs consume the majority of property tax revenue sources;**

**AND WHEREAS small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental**

**infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone;**

**AND WHEREAS in 2015 the provincial government moved to standardized billing for all non-contract**

**D.P.P. (5.1) locations;**

**AND WHEREAS the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway; and \$534 million to**

**Ottawa for the repatriation of Hwy 174;**

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**AND WHEREAS the annual cost of the Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Policing Bureau for small rural non-contract (5.1) municipalities is approximately \$428 million;**

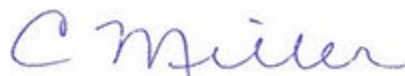
**AND WHEREAS this annual cost is significantly less than the repatriation costs of the Gardiner Express Way, the Don Valley Parkway and Highway 174 (Ottawa Region) but provides a greater impact to the residents of the Province overall;**

**AND WHEREAS this will afford relief to small rural municipalities for both infrastructure and operating needs while having a minimal impact on the provincial budget;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Township of Whitewater Region call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities: AND FURTHER, that Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford ([premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)). Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario ([amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)), MPP John Yakabuski ([john.yakabuskico@pc.ola.org](mailto:john.yakabuskico@pc.ola.org)) and all Municipalities in Ontario.**

Carried as amended - Resolution #2024 - 5187

Sincerely,



Carmen Miller  
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