

# Report to Municipal Council



<b>Meeting Date:</b> December 11, 2024	<b>Report Date:</b> December 2, 2024
<b>Reason Before Council:</b> For Information Only	<b>Priority:</b> Normal
<b>Department:</b> Finance/Treasury	<b>Type of Meeting:</b> Regular Meeting

**Report Title:** 2025 OPP Fee Reduction

## **Recommended Resolution:**

To direct the Treasurer to include a contribution to the Contingency Reserve in the 2025 budget to be used in futures years to ease the burden of the increase in OPP fees.

## **Analysis & Background:**

At the October 16, 2024, Regular Council Meeting, a report was brought to Council with regards to the increase costs presented for the 2025 OPP costs. This \$48,379.00 increase would result in a 1.6% increase in the 2025 tax levy. As stated at that meeting, St.-Charles was on the lower end of the increases that Municipalities were seeing. Obviously, this has a major impact on Municipalities, so significant push back was given, and the Province has answered with support by reducing the 2025 OPP fees from \$310,443.00 to \$265,961.00. This support represents \$44,482.00.

Caution must be had, as this is not a permanent reduction, this is just support from the Province to help offset the increase. The Treasurer is recommending that the 2025 budget include a \$20,000 contribution to the Contingency Reserve to be used in the future when the support from the Province is no longer available. This will allow the tax levy to gradually increase, rather than the sharp increase in future years.

## **Attachments:**

- Letter from Office of the Solicitor General

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