



# TOWN OF PETAWAWA

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October 25, 2024

Premier Doug Ford  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1  
Via email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Premier Ford:

**RE: Ontario Provincial Police Costs 2025**

Please be advised that at its meeting of October 21, 2024, Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa endorsed the following resolution:

**MOVED BY: James Carmody**  
**SECONDED BY: Theresa Sabourin**

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa supports Resolution No. 229 of the Municipality of Tweed and further calls 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, Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Municipalities in Ontario.

**CARRIED**

The Town of Petawawa appreciates the Province's attention to the financial challenges faced by small rural municipalities and looks forward to a collaborative solution.

Sincerely,

Colin Howard, Dipl.M.M., Bus.Admin.  
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

Encl: Municipality of Tweed Resolution No. 229

cc: The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General  
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
All Municipalities of Ontario  
Neil Nicholson, Mayor, Township of Whitewater Region

Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting  
Council Meeting



**Resolution No.** 229  
**Title:** Councillor P. Valiquette  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 23, 2024

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**Moved by** P. Valiquette  
**Seconded by** J. Palmateer

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 J.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;

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 Municipality of Tweed 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)) and all Municipalities in Ontario.

**Carried**