

## **Clerk's Department**

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November 19, 2024

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario Premier's Office, Room 281 Legislative Building, Queen's Park Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

## **RE:** Support Resolution – OPP Annual Billing Statement

Please be advised that at its meeting held on November 18, 2024, Council of the Township of Clearview passed the following resolution regarding the OPP Annual Billing Statement:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Whereas current police services within the Township of Clearview are provided by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP);

And Whereas the Township and the local OPP detachment have worked in a positive, collaborative and effective manner for decades; and

And Whereas historical increases in OPP Annual Billing Statements have trended around 2%;

And Whereas the OPP submitted their 2025 Annual Billing Statement to the Township on October 4, 2024, that identifies an approximate \$0.5 M (22.7%) increase from 2024 to 2025 that will translate to an approximate 2.57% tax rate increase, on top of what the Township was contemplating for the residents of Clearview Township;

And Whereas communication from the Township of Essa as well as other municipalities serviced by the OPP has been received by Clearview Township, seeking support;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that Council of the Township of Clearview, hereby requests that the 2025 OPP Annual Billing Statement be reduced to an approximate 2% increase that is more manageable for the Township and in line with historical trends;

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And Further That any increase above 2% be absorbed by the province as the additional costs are directly the result of collective bargaining that was within the control of the OPP and should have been known to be financially unsustainable for the municipalities that now need to pay the bill;

And Further That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General, MPP Brian Saunderson, Simcoe-Grey and all 329 municipalities serviced by OPP. Motion Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Sasha Helmkay-Playter, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC Clerk/Director of Legislative Service

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cc: Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General MPP Brian Saunderson, Simcoe-Grey Municipalities Serviced by the OPP

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