



# SMITHS FALLS

RISE AT THE FALLS

December 17, 2024

Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
VIA EMAIL: [Premier@ontario.ca](mailto:Premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Honourable Ford:

**Re: Equity in Funding to Assist in Managing Increasing Costs of Policing**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls passed the following resolution at their December 16, 2024, Council meeting:

*WHEREAS on November 29, 2024 the Province of Ontario identified significant protective services cost pressures related to municipal policing, and identified significant Provincial funding to be provided to offset OPP Cost Increases for Small and Rural Municipalities:*

*AND FURTHER THAT the Province recognize that it is also the case that those municipalities with local municipal police services continue to see significant cost increases and budgetary pressures in Municipal policing, which are directly impacted by OPP policing labour costs;*

*AND FURTHER THAT it be requested that the Province treat all Ontario municipalities equitably with support in funding to assist managing these increasing costs of policing.*

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and/or concerns.

Yours truly,

Kerry Costello  
Town Clerk

cc: Ontario Solicitor General  
Chair, Smiths Falls Police Services Board  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Rural Ontario Municipal Association  
All Ontario Municipalities providing local police services