



# Staff Report

## Finance and IT Services

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**Report To:** Committee of the Whole  
**Meeting Date:** May 5, 2020  
**Report Number:** FAF.20.028  
**Subject:** Ontario Provincial Police Contract Renewal  
**Prepared by:** Ruth Prince, Director of Finance and IT Services

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### A. Recommendations

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THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.20.028, entitled "Ontario Provincial Police Contract Renewal";

AND THAT Council confirms that the Town wishes to proceed with a renewed policing contract with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), that is consistent with maintaining the status quo.

### B. Overview

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The current Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) contract expires December 31, 2020 with the Town. Staff is looking for confirmation that the "status quo" service level is to be maintained.

### C. Background

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In December 2014, Council authorized the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a six (6) year contract with the OPP beginning January 1, 2015.

The current contract has a base service which includes costs related to proactive policing (routine patrols, crime prevention, RIDE programs, training, and administration) and contract enhancements which are services provided to the municipality over and above what the OPP determines is the minimum required to provide adequate and effective policing to the municipality. The Blue Mountains currently received the following contract enhancements:

- One additional Sergeant (Community Liaison)
- One addition Constable (Crime Prevention)
- Detachment Admin. Clerk (Staff at Thornbury Station)

### D. Analysis

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The Town's current 2020 budget for the OPP contract is \$2,748,835. This includes \$450,992 for contract enhancements.

### Base Service

Base Service includes costs related to proactive policing, such as: routine patrols, crime prevention, training, administration, etc., and is based on a rolling 4-year average.

The total, province-wide costs of providing these base services is totaled and then divided by the total number of OPP-Policed Municipal properties to arrive at a provincial Base Service Cost per property. The formula below shows the calculation for the Base Service Cost per property:

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Total 2020 Municipal Base Service Cost} \\ \div \quad \text{Total Number of Municipal OPP-Policed properties} \\ = \quad \text{Base Service Cost per property} \end{array}$$

OR

#### 2020

$$\begin{array}{r} \$210,794,068 \\ \div \quad \underline{1,150,426} \\ = \quad \$183.23 \end{array}$$

An individual municipality's base cost is calculated by multiplying the "Base Service Cost per property" by the total number of properties in that municipality. For The Blue Mountains, there are 8,332 properties.

#### 2020

$$\begin{array}{r} \$183.23 \\ \times \quad \underline{8,332} \\ = \quad \$1,526,683 \end{array}$$

### Calls for Service

The province-wide costs for service is totaled (based on a 4-year rolling average cost). An individual municipality's "Calls for Service" cost is calculated by multiplying the provincial total by the percentage that municipality's calls for service represents of the total provincial calls.

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Total Provincial "Calls for Service Cost"} \\ \times \quad \text{The Blue Mountains \% of Total Provincial Calls for Service} \\ = \quad \text{The Blue Mountains 2020 Calls for Service Cost} \end{array}$$

OR

#### 2020

$$\begin{array}{r} \$162,805,510 \\ \times \quad \underline{0.4401\%} \\ = \quad \$716,436 \end{array}$$

### **Additional Costs**

Overtime – Municipalities are to be billed for overtime resulting from occurrences within the municipality, and a portion of time that is not linked specifically to occurrences within the municipality (i.e. training). The Town's 2020 overtime billing is \$73,031.

Contract Enhancements – Enhancements are services provided to the municipality over and above what the OPP determines is the minimum required to provide adequate and effective policing service to the municipality. The Blue Mountains currently receives the following contract enhancements, at a 2020 cost of \$450,992.

- One additional Sergeant (Community Liaison)
- One additional Constable (Crime Prevention)
- Detachment Admin Clerk (Staff at Thornbury Station)

Prisoner Transportation – Calculated based on 2020 activities, a per-property cost of \$1.99. The Blue Mountains 2020 prisoner transportation cost is  $8,332 \times \$1.99 = \$16,581$ .

Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Grant – In 2020, the OPP issued credits to municipalities related to the above grant. In 2020, this grant was in the amount of \$12,113

The table below summarizes the 2020 costs compared to 2015 costs:

	2020	2015
<b>Base Service</b>	\$ 1,526,683	\$ 1,497,409
<b>Calls for Service</b>	\$ 716,436	\$ 697,980
<b>Overtime</b>	\$ 73,031	\$ 88,537
<b>Enhancements</b>	\$ 450,992	\$ 453,116
<b>Prisoner Transport</b>	\$ 16,581	\$ 17,998
<b>Court Security Grant</b>	\$ (12,113)	\$ (12,379)
<b>2018 Year-End Adjustment</b>	\$ (34,887)	\$ 0
<b>Total</b>	\$ <b>2,736,723</b>	\$ 2,742,661
<b>Households</b>	8,332	7,468
<b>Cost per Household</b>	\$ <b>328.46</b>	\$ 367.26

If no changes are required to the current level of service, it is anticipated that a draft copy of the proposed contract will arrive in September.

### **E. The Blue Mountains Strategic Plan**

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Goal #4: Promote a Culture of Organizational and Operational Excellence  
Objective #4: To Be a Financially Responsible Organization

### **F. Environmental Impacts**

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N/A

## **G. Financial Impact**

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Over the last 6 years, the cost per household for the OPP contract has decreased from \$367.26 in 2015 to \$328.46 in 2020.

## **H. In consultation with**

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Shawn Everitt, Chief Administrative Officer

## **I. Public Engagement**

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The topic of this Staff Report has not been subject to a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre as neither a Public Meeting nor a Public Information Centre are required. Comments regarding this report should be submitted to Ruth Prince, Director of Finance and IT Services at [directorfit@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:directorfit@thebluemountains.ca).

## **J. Attached**

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None.

Respectfully Submitted,

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