



THE TOWN OF DEEP RIVER

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Press Release

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New Information – Future of Policing in Deep River

DEEP RIVER, ONTARIO – One of the greatest concerns for Deep River residents voiced during the consultation process surrounding the Future of Policing in Deep River is response times to calls for service. Inspector Mark Wolfe, OPP Detachment Commander for the Upper Ottawa Valley Detachment, has provided the following letter to Deep River Council:

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Attention: Mayor Lougheed and Council

Dear Mayor Lougheed and Members of Council,

“In follow-up to the Open Houses held June 14 & 15, 2017 in the Town of Deep River regarding the Future of Policing in Deep River, I provide the following.

Based upon comments received during the Open Houses from members of the community, I confirm:

1. The Town of Deep River may become a zone in the Upper Ottawa Valley Detachment Service area. Deep River may be designated as a zone and would be surrounded by Zone 3.
2. Current Deep River Police Service personnel that transition to the Ontario Provincial Police may be deployed in the Town of Deep River, as well as other OPP members as assigned.
3. If at any time an incident arises that requires a high priority police response anywhere within the detachment area, within an integrated policing model, OPP zone officers will proceed to that incident as directed by a supervisor. If a priority incident takes place in Deep River additional OPP resources are also deployed to Deep River from other zones and detachments as needed. OPP Zone officers return to their assigned zone once the incident is stabilized.
4. OPP Zone officers patrol Zones and respond to calls for service as required.
5. The OPP assign officers to patrol zones 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. Zone officer's work from their mobile work stations (computers) installed in every OPP patrol vehicle.

A designated patrol Zone for Deep River is required in the transition period to determine police requirements and develop proactive and innovative policing strategies to reduce victimization.”

Sincerely,

Inspector Mark Wolfe
Detachment Commander
OPP Upper Ottawa Valley

OPP Cost Calculations for Year 4 and beyond using an Excel Spreadsheet Tool provided by the OPP

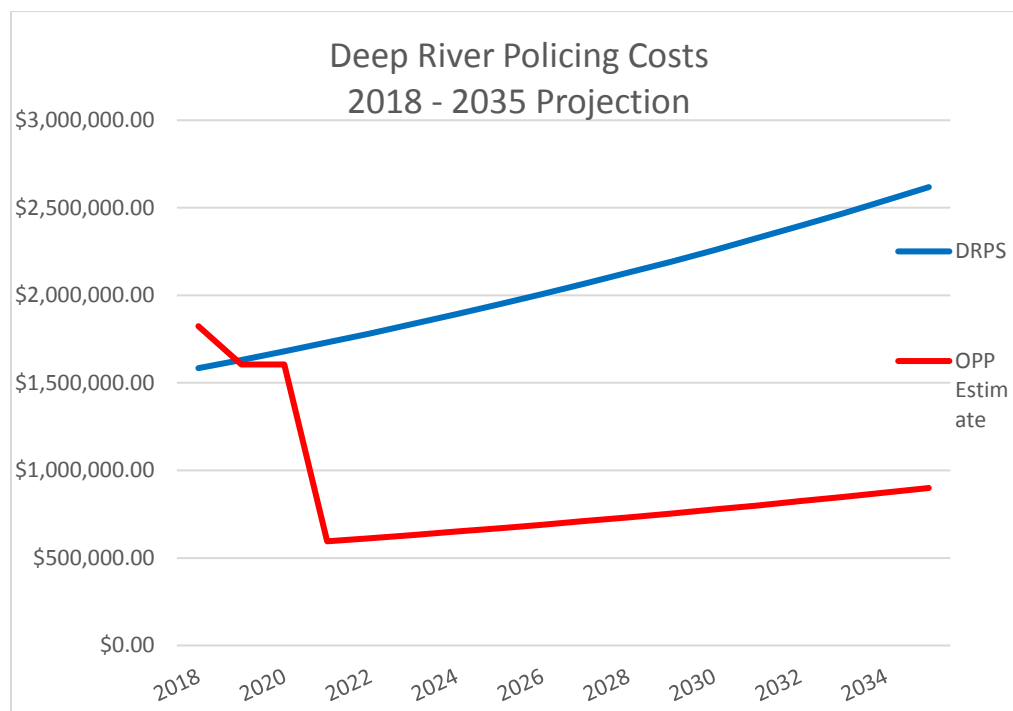
The first three years of the OPP contract has been provided to the Town as a fixed cost. The fixed cost represents the total cost to the Town for the OPP to provide the same number of officers currently staffed by the Deep River Police Service.

In year four of the OPP service agreement, the billing model would change to a formula based model, rather than personnel based. The Town's policing bill would then reflect the base cost per property and the cost for calls for service responded to by officers, rather than the number of officers employed.

This new billing model includes two main components: base cost and calls for service. Every property in an OPP jurisdiction pays the same base cost, currently \$193 per property. The second component of the billing model is calls for service. This amount is generated by the OPP and is entirely based upon how many occurrences OPP officers respond to each year. A four year moving average is used to minimize the effects of a potential spike in crime in any given year.

Based upon the total call history in Deep River between 2014 and 2016, the 2017 cost of service would have been \$91.49 per property in Deep River.

Each property in Deep River would have paid approximately \$285 per property in 2017. This would have meant a total cost of approximately \$600,000 to the Town, while the Deep River Police Service has a budgeted cost of \$1,604,982. The Deep River Police Service budgeted total revenue (including all grants, criminal record checks, etc.) is budgeted at \$118,436 for 2017. This gives the Deep River Police Service a 2017 budgeted net cost of \$1,486,546. The line graph below illustrates the projected costs for each police service over the next 18 years based upon current conditions.



Also attached to this Press Release are the Ontario municipalities currently policed by the Ontario Provincial Police (1,700 – 2,600) properties policed) and the costs for those services for 2015, 2016 and 2017.

This information is provided following five (5) Open Houses held on June 14 and 15, 2017 where this supplementary information was provided to attendees. Council for the Town

of Deep River at a Special council Meeting held on Sunday June 18, 2017 at 9:00PM passed a motion to disseminate this information to residents to ensure all residents received the same information that those in attendance had received.

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