



Future of Policing in Deep River

Summary of Issues

Residents of Deep River,

When you elected this Council in 2014, we were given a responsibility to represent you and a mandate to make difficult decisions in the best financial interests of our community.

As many of you are aware, our community and Council has struggled with the question of how to move forward with existing emergency services.

The decision we are faced with is not about the ability and skill of the Deep River Police Service, but about the affordability of maintaining that service for the safety of this community.

To help our community advance this issue in a positive and collaborative way, we are asking for your input and feedback. The following pages outline the current issues and two options for your consideration.

Similar to the 2014 Municipal Election and the fire service survey in June 2016, we are working with Simply Voting to conduct a

survey between June 21 and 28 and present us with the results.

In the mail package from Simply Voting you will receive your personal access to the survey.

We are asking you to review the information provided and then give us your considered feedback on the future of police service in Deep River.

On behalf of Council, I want to share that we look forward to receiving your valued responses and feedback.

Working together, we will identify a solution that will address both resident safety and sound financial management.

Sincerely,

Mayor Joan Loughheed

IMPORTANT

It is essential to stress that regardless of the direction our community and ultimately Council chooses to go, the quality of service and excellence in policing will always be our mandate and primary consideration for our residents and businesses.

When a person dials 9-1-1, that call will be met with a timely and appropriate response.

Service will reflect the expectations of our community and Council, and there will be continued oversight of the local Police Services Board.



Deep River Police Service



Ontario Provincial Police

1. Serving the town since 1957
2. Services include vacant house checks, fingerprinting, criminal record checks
3. Contract dispatching service to Belleville Police Service
4. Staff complement to cover 3 shifts
 - 9 uniformed officers
 - 1 civilian member
 - 1 casual civilian member
 - 5 special constables
5. Contract officers as needed (eg. due to leaves, illness, injury)
6. Service has maintained standards and compliance in all areas under the Police Services Act
7. Reports to and is accountable to the local Police Services Board
8. 2015 Annual Report at www.deepriver.ca
9. Policing costs have almost tripled in 15 years:
 - Year 2000 - \$566,527.00
 - Year 2015 - \$1,449,579.00
10. Costs are anticipated to continue to increase due to increasing labour, equipment and disaptch costs.

1. Fulfil the same mandate as DRPS
2. Police provincial highways, waterways, tactical and other specialty responses
3. Centralized communications centres.
4. All of our DRPS staff, both uniform and civilian would transfer to the OPP; the staff resources of the OPP would be available beyond this as needed: ie. leaves, injury
5. Service has maintained standards and compliance in all areas under the Police Services Act
6. Reports to and is accountable to the local Police Services Board
7. OPP 2016 Provincial Satisfaction Survey results at www.opp.ca
8. Transition and Setup (Years 1-3) and Service to Deep River (Year 4 onward)
 - Year 1 to 3 - \$1,605,837.00 per year plus a one-time cost of \$218,015.00
 - Year 4 - Provincial Billing Model begins
9. Research indicates savings will be realized and some of this data is contained further in the report
10. Lower costs are possible through economies of scale: purchasing power, filling vacancies and absences are the responsibility of the OPP and dealt with at no additional cost.

Deep River Police Service Specific Criminal Occurrence Category Comparison

Offence	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Sex	0	0	0	6	7	0	1	2	1
Break and Enter	5	6	10	8	5	3	3	3	4
Assault	15	13	12	18	7	12	16	8	6
Thefts	77	53	69	51	32	42	21	22	23
Mischiefs	40	41	35	44	31	46	10	13	11
Crim. Traffic	1	3	1	5	5	3	2	2	0
Impaired	4	2	4	7	8	6	4	3	2
Drugs	16	11	11	9	17	42	10	17	2

Renfrew County OPP Policing Costs per Property 2015-2017

Municipality	2015	2016	2017
Pembroke, City	\$ 615	\$ 601	\$ 596
Renfrew, Town	\$ 457	\$ 456	\$ 450
Arnprior, Town	\$ 411	\$ 396	\$ 399
Petawawa, Town	\$ 342	\$ 332	\$ 332
Laurentian Valley, Township	\$ 326	\$ 320	\$ 322
Horton, Township	\$ 310	\$ 301	\$ 306
Laurentian Hills, Town	\$ 289	\$ 286	\$ 285
McNab/Braeside, Township	\$ 285	\$ 282	\$ 282
Greater Madawaska, Township	\$ 266	\$ 254	\$ 254
Head, Clara and Maria, Township	\$ 264	\$ 254	\$ 252
** Deep River (DRPS)	\$743	\$757	\$773

** Deep River Police Service numbers reflect actuals and 2017 budget. Costs for Deep River are for DRPS, not OPP

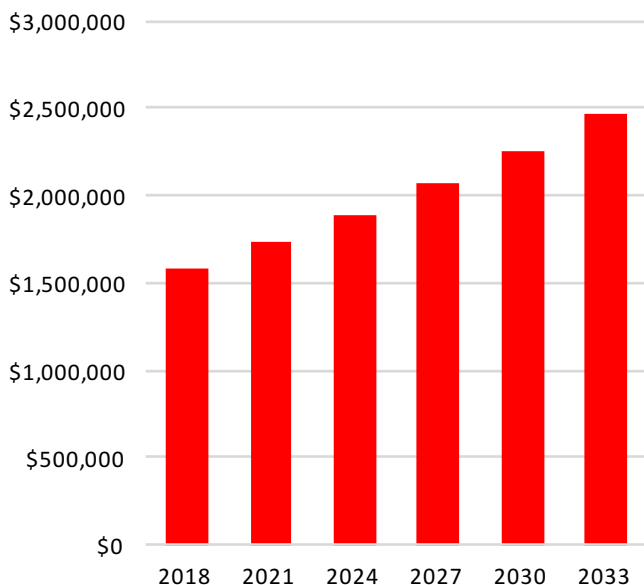
Note: The Data was taken directly from MIDAS (Municipal Information Data System) to calculate the Renfrew County Police Department Costs shown above. The Renfrew County OPP Policing Costs were provided by the OPP

Option 1: Maintain the Deep River Police Service

Result will maintain current complement of staff and continue with present levels of service, including 34 person-hours of police patrol per day, criminal background checks, fingerprinting, vacant house checks, foot patrol, commercial property checks, among others. Costs will continue to increase year over year.

Option 1 Costs

DRPS Projected Costs

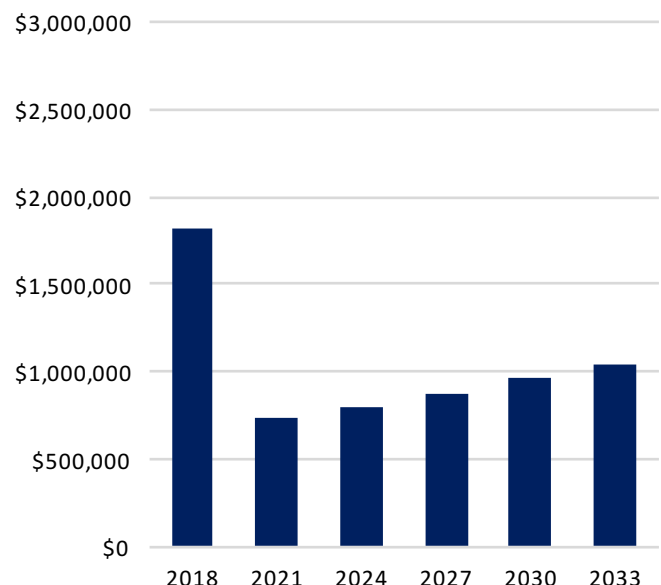


Option 2: Negotiate municipal policing service with the OPP

Results would transfer all staff to the OPP. During the 3 year transition period, the OPP will continue to provide 34 person-hours of patrol per day. Hours of patrol would be based upon Calls for Service as well as discussions on opening a Community Policing Office within the Town of Deep River and the municipality's preferred levels of service. Cost savings are anticipated to begin in year 4.

Option 2 Costs

OPP Projected Costs



Note: Option 2 costs are the OPP Higher Cost based upon the average OPP costs for all municipalities in Ontario.

In Closing

Policing and public safety are an important issue for this community.

Regardless of the model of policing that is selected, it must meet our community's needs and there will continue to be policing in accordance with requirements under the Police Services Act.

We value our police officers for the work they have done and continue to do for the residents and businesses of Deep River.

Whether we remain with the existing model of policing or transition to OPP, ensuring the future of our employees will be an important criteria in our deliberations.

This decision is not about the ability of the Deep River police officers. This decision is about the current structure and affordability of the Deep River Policing model.

In addition to receiving this document and survey package, residents will find additional, in-depth information including the Backgrounder at www.deepriver.ca. Information will also be published in the North Renfrew Times and on

the Town of Deep River Facebook page.

Similar to the last municipal election, we will be working with Simply Voting to conduct the survey and present us with the results.

Following the closing of the survey period at 8 p.m. on June 28, the results will be received publicly in Council Chambers.

Should you require any assistance completing your survey, the Town of Deep River is available to help you at (613) 584-2000.

Council is committed to including residents as we identify the best way to address both resident safety and sound financial management and is seeking a strong mandate from residents on the path forward.

Over the next few weeks, we respectfully ask that you review the information available, provide Council with any comments you may have and complete the survey, selecting your preferred option.

We appreciate and value your time and input on this very important issue for our community.

Questions & Comments

Questions and comments may be directed to any of the following:

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