Excerpt from Council Meeting Minutes – October 20, 2026

11. FS23-2026 OPP Policing Costs

Director of Financial Services/Treasurer Neifer explained that 20% of the tax levy is the OPP costing and an 11% increase is a 2% levy increase for the Town.

Discussion included the burden on the ratepayers, the affordable rates, ensuring that the letter includes the unpredictability of the OPP budget being difficult to incorporate into a budget, the frustration Council experiences when trying to keep the budget increases at 3%, how increases by the OPP may mean that Town projects such as roads and bridges cannot be completed, having a conversation with our local MP, our zero based budgets and not having control of the spending for OPP which is a large component of the budget.

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It was **Moved** by P. Deacon, **Seconded** by C. Hull and **Carried**

That Council supports the Municipality of South Huron's correspondence regarding 2027 OPP policing costs;

And that the Town of South Bruce Peninsula is concerned that the proposed 11% increase may create significant budget pressure for small municipalities and wishes to send a letter notifying the appropriate authorities of the concern;

And further that a letter will be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Solicitor General, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, Lisa Thompson MPP for Huron-Bruce, Paul Vickers MPP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, and all Ontario municipalities.