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Village of Sundridge Council Resolution
October 28, 2026
Item (9.3)

The Municipality of Wawa – Resolution RC26178 – Policing Costs

Resolution #2026-254
Moved By: Luke Preston
Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell

THAT The Council for the Corporation of the Village of Sundridge receive Resolution RC26178 from the Municipality of Wawa regarding Policing Costs;

AND THAT the Village of Sundridge offer their support to the Municipality of Wawa;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Solicitor General, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP, AMO, ROMA, FONOM, and all Ontario municipalities serviced by the Ontario Provincial Police, and the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board.

Recorded Vote	**For**	**Against**	**Abstain**
Preston, Luke	**Y**		
Smith, Sharon	**Y**		
Whitmell, Vicki	**Y**		
Williamson, Fraser	**Y**		
Jackson, Shawn	**Y**		

CARRIED

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Resolution # RC26178	Meeting Order: 5
Moved by: Cathy Cannon	Seconded by:

WHEREAS The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa is policed by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) through the Superior East OPP Detachment; and

WHEREAS OPP policing costs represent a significant expenditure within the Municipality of Wawa's annual operating budget, and the Municipality has experienced increasing policing costs, including an 11% increase identified as a financial pressure in the Municipality's 2026 budget; and

WHEREAS the Municipality has been advised by the Province of Ontario that, for the 2027 calendar year, no OPP-policed municipality will experience an increase of more than 11% in its total amount payable for OPP policing compared with 2026, excluding services separately acquired through an agreement with the OPP; and

WHEREAS an increase of up to 11% in municipal policing costs represents a significant financial pressure for small and rural municipalities such as Wawa and ultimately places additional pressure on the municipal property tax levy; and

WHEREAS municipalities must balance legislated infrastructure, service-delivery, affordability and fiscal-responsibility obligations while having limited revenue tools and a primary reliance on property taxation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa:

1. Acknowledges the Province of Ontario's action to limit the 2027 OPP municipal policing cost increase to no more than 11%;
2. Expresses concern that an increase of up to 11% in a single year remains significant for small, rural and northern municipalities and is not, by itself, a sustainable long-term solution;
3. Requests that the Province of Ontario establish a permanent, transparent and sustainable multi-year framework for OPP municipal policing costs that:

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- includes a reasonable and predictable maximum annual increase in municipal OPP policing costs, taking into consideration municipal revenue growth, inflation, assessment growth, population growth, fiscal capacity and affordability impacts on local property taxpayers, including cost-of-living pressures;

- provides municipalities with a clear and itemized annual explanation of changes to their OPP policing costs, including, where applicable, changes attributable to staffing levels, salaries, benefits, calls for service, time standards, fleet, accommodation, support services, detachment administration and other provincial cost allocations;

- recognizes the limited fiscal capacity of small, rural, northern and OPP-policed municipalities and ensures that municipal policing cost increases do not disproportionately affect property taxpayers or compromise municipalities' ability to deliver other essential services and infrastructure; and

- recognizes that municipalities have limited ability to control policing costs arising from provincial legislation, regulation, staffing, compensation, collective bargaining, operational or policy decisions, and provides appropriate provincial funding or cost-sharing where significant policing cost pressures arise primarily from such provincial decisions.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario; the Solicitor General; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Member of Provincial Parliament for Algoma–Manitoulin; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA); the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); all Ontario municipalities policed by the Ontario Provincial Police; and the Superior East OPP Detachment Board.

RESOLUTION RESULT	RECORDED VOTE		
☑ CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
☐ DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
☐ TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
☐ RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
☐ PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
☐ WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

☐ Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk:_____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL
M. Pilon	Maury O'Neill

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