

**TO THE MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES OF THE**  
**LAMBTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

The Police Services Board is writing to the member municipalities to make a request for additional funding to cover the annual leasing costs to maintain the detachment in St. Clair Township.

The member municipalities have already received an email from St. Clair Mayor, Steve Arnold, which included correspondence from the Police Services Board to St. Clair Township, a reply from Mayor Arnold, and a copy of the lease signed by both parties in 2017, for a 10 year term. Background history for the St. Clair Township detachment office is included in this correspondence.

There are currently 17 uniform officers, 1 civilian and 5 Community Street Crime officers working out of the St. Clair detachment office serving St. Clair Township and rural Lambton County. The main OPP office in Petrolia has reached its' maximum operating capacity and there is no opportunity for expansion on this site, so maintaining the St. Clair detachment office is recommended by the Board.

Nancy King, Manager, Financial Administration Services for the County, has provided information which explains how the Police Services Board previously received funding that was used to cover the lease for the St. Clair office. Revenue, such as personal police checks, required by minor sports organizations, volunteer community groups and some workplaces, came directly to the Board. For 21 years the Board operated successfully and returned accumulated surpluses back to the municipalities when not required to carry forward into the next year. However, recent changes to Provincial funding grants means that revenue that used to go to the Police Services Board is now being sent directly to the municipalities, resulting in a projected shortfall for the Police Services Board of \$175,000 by December 2021, as detailed in the spreadsheet attached.

Ms. King has provided three scenarios for additional funding from the group, showing \$15,000, \$20,000, or \$25,000 per month. The last schedule breaks down the additional monthly cost to each municipality. A review of the schedules shows that stable funding is achieved at the \$25,000 level, which should provide sufficient funding to cover the lease costs until the end of the term in 2027, with offset funding for the municipalities coming directly from the Province.

Therefore, the Lambton Police Services Board recommends that the additional \$25,000 per month option be endorsed by the member municipalities and request that the approvals are returned to the Board by December 15, 2020.

We thank you for your consideration.

Murray Jackson, Chair

Lambton Police Services Board