

# LAMBTON GROUP POLICE SERVICES BOARD



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Township of Brooke-Alvinston  
Township of Dawn-Euphemia  
Township of Enniskillen  
Municipality of Lambton Shores  
Village of Oil Springs  
Town of Petrolia  
Town of Plympton-Wyoming  
Township of St. Clair  
Township of Warwick

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

*RE: consideration of contribution from COVID provided funding*

The COVID 19 pandemic that began in March of 2020 brought unprecedented times to us all. During this time the Lambton Group Police Services Board much like all of you, experienced new challenges in relation to the unknowns of this virus.

The LGPSB was quick to action the priority of the health and safety of our detachments with the OPP mandating additional cleaning Province wide. While the action was quick, and in the best interest of all, it did come with an additional cost. Under the LGPSB cleaning costs are paid directly by the OPP at the Petrolia Detachment, however for the Forest and Corunna ESO offices this expense is the responsibility of the Board.

It is the boards understanding that the Provincial Government provided all municipalities in Ontario with financial relief to help ensure the delivery of critical services. While policing is deemed a critical service this funding was not provided to Police Services Boards to offset the additional operating costs that were generated as a direct result of the COVID 19 pandemic.

<https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/60538/ontario-provides-additional-support-for-municipalities-during-covid-19>

With that provincial funding provided in both 2020 and 2021 to be earmarked for expenses directly relating to COVID 19, and with the unforeseen expenses we have incurred in providing additional cleaning at Forest & Corunna ESO office as a direct result of COVID 19 precautions, the Board would like to ask each Council of our member municipalities to please consider contributing a portion from the provincial funds received to assist with the unexpected and non-budgeted for cleaning expenses.

Thank you for this consideration.

Sincerely,

Murray Jackson  
Board Chair