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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: follow up from March 6, 2022 request for consideration of provincially allotted COVID relief funding municipally received

The LGPSB wished to follow up with our member municipalities in relation to the request for consideration of provincially allotted COVID relief funding provided to municipalities across Ontario.

As you are aware, the LGPSB is responsible for the cleaning costs at the Corunna & Forest ESO's, with the enhanced cleaning policy placed in effect at these locations through the OPP health and safety policies this came at an additional and unexpected cost to the LGPSB, as it was unforeseen to all of us.

The LGPSB is aware that the Provincial Government provided a formula-based allocation of funds to all municipalities in Ontario, to assist with offsetting the budget impacts experienced due to COVID 19.

<https://www.amo.on.ca/advocacy/strategic-priorities/new-2021-covid-19-relief-funding>

This funding allotment was not something that police services boards were eligible to receive even though policing is considered a critical service. We have received no additional funding from the province to assist with offsetting the impacts of COVID 19 to the LGPSB budget.

We have greatly appreciated the interest shown from our member municipalities in requesting additional information when considering this request. During our 2022 budget deliberations the board established an ask of \$5000.00 per member municipality in consideration of offsetting this unforeseen expense. The board also authorized an offset of \$31,000.00 be transferred from the reserve fund.

We would also like to acknowledge and extend appreciation to St. Clair Township, that provided a formula based contribution of approx.. \$14,000.00.

Thank you for this consideration.

Sincerely,

Murray Jackson
Board Chair