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## Ontario Protecting Huron-Bruce Against Gun and Gang Violence

*Funding for new video surveillance equipment and technology will help police fight crime*

### NEWS

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**HURON-BRUCE** — The Ontario government is investing \$73,942.76 to help Ontario Provincial Police in Kincardine and Huron County and the Town of Goderich expand their video surveillance programs and better protect their communities against gun and gang violence.

The funding is being delivered through the [Ontario Closed Circuit Television \(CCTV\) Grant Program](#) and can be used to replace outdated equipment, expand or enhance current technology and install new or additional CCTV surveillance cameras in areas where gun and gang violence, illegal drug activity and human trafficking are prevalent.

"This funding is welcome news for Huron-Bruce," said Lisa Thompson, MPP for Huron-Bruce. "The Ontario Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Grant Program will support a continued effort to ensure people in our communities can remain safe, and have confidence in the policing services."

Ontario Provincial Police Services in Kincardine and Huron County and the Town of Goderich are two of 24 police services across the province receiving funding with more than \$2.8 million being allocated through the 2023-24 CCTV Grant program.

"Our government is taking action to keep Ontarians safe," said Solicitor General Michael Kerzner. "CCTV surveillance systems are an important part of local police work to detect, prevent, and deter criminal activity. The systems also enhance police efforts to investigate crimes and provide evidence necessary to lay charges."

### QUICK FACTS

The CCTV Grant was first introduced in 2020. Since that time, the Ontario government has allocated approximately \$7.4 million in funding for surveillance systems to police services across the province.

The grant funding covers 50 per cent of project costs up to a maximum of \$200,000 for each successful project.

The Ontario government is investing \$163 million to immediately strengthen the province's efforts to fight crime including combatting bail non-compliance and auto thefts.

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

[Ontario's Guns, Gangs and Violence Reduction Strategy](#)

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