

**The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton - Council Meeting  
Council Meeting**

**Agenda Number:** 8.  
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**Moved By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Seconded By:** \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Brockton has responsibility for funding and providing court security services and prisoner transportation for individuals appearing in the local courthouse, which serves not only residents of Brockton but also residents from neighbouring municipalities within the County of Bruce; and

WHEREAS, these court security and prisoner transportation services, though necessary for the proper functioning of the justice system, represent a significant financial burden on local taxpayers in the amount of 894,993.00 for 2025, noting that Brockton has not yet received confirmation of any provincial grant funding for this cost; and

WHEREAS, the costs associated with court security and prisoner transportation are disproportionately borne by the Municipality of Brockton, despite the fact that the services are used by individuals from outside the municipality's jurisdiction, including those from surrounding municipalities within the County of Bruce; and

WHERE the County of Grey and the County of Bruce have jointly entered into a Local Side Agreement with the Attorney General for the operation of the Provincial Offences Court in both counties whereby the Counties of Grey and Bruce retain the revenue collected from fines through the Provincial Offences Court, with the Municipality of Brockton paying for the court security costs associated with the Walkerton Provincial Offences Court;

WHEREAS the County of Grey agreed to pay for any court security and prisoner transportation costs attributable to the City of Owen Sound and not covered by Provincial grants in recognition of the fact that the service is being used by various municipalities throughout the region;

WHEREAS, the municipality has made repeated efforts to address the financial challenges of these services, but the growing costs are unsustainable under the current funding model;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby formally requests that the County of Bruce pay the annual costs of court security and prisoner transportation services attributable to the Municipality of Brockton after any provincial grants have been received as these costs represent an unfair financial burden on the taxpayers of the Municipality of Brockton.

**Carried**

**Tied, Defeated**

**Defeated**

**Tabled**

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Mayor - Chris Peabody