

Report to Council

Report Title: 2025 Court Security Prisoner Transportation Grant

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Department: Finance

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Attachments:

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number FIN2025-09 – 2025 Court Security Prisoner Transportation Grant, prepared by Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer for information purposes.

Report:

Background:

On November 12, 2024, staff presented Council with Report FIN2024-35 – Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Costs Proposal. The report highlighted that Brockton's Court Security and Prisoner Transportation costs for 2025 are \$894,993, a significant increase from previous years. While a provincial grant has historically helped offset these costs, it has never fully covered them. Despite the Walkerton Courthouse serving multiple municipalities, Brockton continues to bear a disproportionate share of expenses.

During the budget process, staff had not yet received the 2025 funding allocation for the Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Grant (CSPTG). As a result, \$417,946 was included in the budget, aligning with 2024 funding levels. Additionally, Bruce County Council committed to the following to help offset court costs:

Motion as Amended: Resolution # BCC-2025-020

Moved by Councillor Jay Kirkland

Seconded by Councillor Milt McIver

That Bruce County provide funding to the Municipality of Brockton for 2025 to fund costs related to Court Security and Prisoner Transfer that are not covered by provincial funding, in the **amount 50% of actual costs that are not covered by provincial funding**; and That the 2025 costs be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve; and That funding for future years be deferred to the 2026 budget deliberations. Carried

Analysis:

On March 28, 2025, the Municipality received notification that its 2025 CSPTG allotment is \$528,225 for the calendar year.

The table below summarizes Brockton's Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Costs from 2020 to 2025:

Year	CSPT Cost	CSPTG	Portion Not Covered by Provincial Funding	50% Bruce County Funding	Total Net Cost to Brockton
2025	\$894,993.00	\$528,225.00	\$366,768.00	\$183,384.00	\$183,384.00
2024	\$531,685.00	\$379,503.00	\$152,182.00		\$152,182.00
2023	\$586,399.00	\$419,692.00	\$166,707.00		\$166,707.00
2022	\$410,718.00	\$267,504.00	\$143,214.00		\$143,214.00
2021	\$432,716.00	\$296,902.00	\$135,814.00		\$135,814.00
2020	\$326,381.00	\$245,287.00	\$81,094.00		\$81,094.00
Total	\$3,182,892.00	\$2,137,113.00	\$1,045,779.00		\$862,395.00

This updated information reflects the finalized **2025 CSPTG allocation** and highlights the continued financial impact of court security and prisoner transportation costs on Brockton. While the 50% county allotment helps minimize the effect on Brockton there remains a \$183,384 affect on the Municipality for 2025.

Strategic Action Plan Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Strategic Action Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

- Recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision N/A
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Heritage, Culture, and Community N/A
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Quality of Life N/A
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Land Use Planning and the Natural Environment N/A
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Development N/A
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Municipal Governance N/A

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective? Yes

Respectfully Submitted by:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Reviewed By:

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Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer