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Dear Fiona Hamilton:

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the current billing model for court security and prisoner transportation (CSPT) costs in Ontario. As the Solicitor General of Ontario, I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

Protecting Ontario is a top priority for our government. We are committed to working with our province's municipalities, police services and community partners to provide them with the tools, training and resources they need to keep Ontario's communities safe and resilient.

The province continues to support municipalities with the Court Security and Prisoner Transportation (CSPT) Transfer Payment (TP) Program. As part of the 2008 Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Service Delivery Review, the province agreed to upload costs of court security and prisoner transportation from municipalities. Beginning in 2012, the province began partially offsetting the costs through the CSPT TP Program by phasing in an equal amount over seven years, to a maximum allocation of \$125 million annually at maturity by 2018.

Funding is distributed annually through the calendar year to municipalities through two streams:

1. TP Agreements with eligible municipalities administered through the ministry's Public Safety Division.
2. Credit adjustments administered by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Municipal Policing Bureau for municipalities receiving municipal policing services from the OPP. These municipalities receive credit adjustments for their allocated portion of the CSPT funding.

Municipalities are allocated funding at the beginning of each calendar year through an expenditure-based model, which may cause fluctuations in funding from year to year. Funding is allocated based on each municipality's relative share of the total CSPT net costs across the province. The cost of court security and prisoner transportation services, as reported by each municipality, is used to determine their relative share of the total costs. For example, if a municipality's CSPT cost represents one per cent of the total provincial CSPT cost, it would be allocated as one per cent of the available funding.

Based on this formula, the Municipality of Brockton receives credit adjustments from the OPP Municipal Policing Bureau on its allocated portion of the CSPT funding. In 2025, the Municipality of Brockton's CSPT funding allocation is \$528,225 to partially offset the costs associated with the provision of these services. In 2025, the other seven lower tier municipalities in Bruce County will receive a total CSPT allocation of approximately \$70,099.

This year, the ministry is reviewing the OPP cost recovery model to ensure it meets community needs and inform future billing decisions. The ministry is currently working with a third-party vendor, Deloitte LLP, who was selected through a competitive procurement process, to support an evidence-based review and analysis of the OPP cost recovery model.

OPP policed municipalities will have an opportunity for continued input as part of the review. The intent is for the review to be completed to inform the issuing of the 2026 annual billing statements and the approach going forward.

Please be assured that we will continue to work with our policing, judicial and community partners in our efforts to keep Ontario communities safe.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,



The Honourable Michael S. Kerzner
Solicitor General

c: The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health