

February 26, 2026

Dear Mayor Peabody and Members of Council:

The South-Bruce OPP Detachment Board (the Board) is established under the authority of the *Community Safety and Policing Act*, and its supporting regulations, which entered into force and effect as of April 01, 2024. The legislation requires that the Board shall prepare an annual budget estimate and provide, in equal share, to each Municipality the costs for its annual operation. The legislation further requires that where a participating Municipality does not approve the Board budget that the matter shall be referred to arbitration for final determination.

On September 02, 2025, the Board convened and passed the attached Budget to effectively deliver the operations for the 2026 calendar year. This Budget prescribed the amount of \$5,000 per each contributing Municipality, representing a (0%) increase, from the previous year. This amount ensures the Board can continue to meet both the legislative obligations and priorities set by each Municipality within the Board mandate.

It has recently come to the attention of the Board that the amount circulated for inclusion in your *Strong Mayor Budget* for 2026 may have been less than the contribution rate established by the Board. A special Board meeting was called today to confirm direction on the Budget amount for 2026 at the rate of \$5,000/Municipality.

On behalf of the Board, we respectfully seek confirmation that:

- (i) Your Municipality has approved the South Bruce OPP Detachment Board budget submission in the amount of \$5,000 per Municipality; or,
- (ii) Your Municipality has rejected the South Bruce OPP Detachment Board budget submission and seeks to pursue arbitration for final determination.

Accordingly, we would appreciate receiving your decision in writing at the earliest opportunity, but no later than March 31, 2026, to ensure legislative compliance and to avoid the need for advancement of any further procedural steps.

The Board values its partnership with each participating Municipality and remains available to provide clarification, attend Council, or supply additional information that may assist in resolving this matter. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Tim Elphick
Board Chair
South Bruce OPP Detachment Board

- c. Detachment Board
Municipal Clerk