



**City of  
Peterborough**

Office of the City Clerk, City Hall  
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Peterborough, Ontario  
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December 3, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier for the Government of Ontario;  
Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Minister of the Solicitor General;  
Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);  
Mary ten Doeschate, Peterborough Police Services Board Chair; and  
Councils of each of Ontario's municipalities.

**Subject: Sustainable Funding for Police Services Request**

The following resolution, adopted by City Council at its meeting held on November 3, 2025, is forwarded for your consideration.

Moved by Councillor Crowley  
Seconded by Councillor Vassiliadis

**Whereas municipalities across Ontario are required to maintain a police service; and**

**Whereas municipalities across Ontario are required to constitute a municipal board to have policing responsibility for the municipality, or enter into a written agreement for an alternate provision of policing services; and**

**Whereas the City of Peterborough has constituted a municipal board; and**

**Whereas municipalities, across Ontario, with a police service board, are required to “ensure adequate and effective policing is provided in the area for which they have policing responsibility in accordance with the needs of the population in the area and having regard for the diversity of the population in the area” and**

**Whereas police service boards within municipalities where court proceedings are conducted are required to ensure the security of judges, other judicial officials, members of the public participating in court proceedings, ensuing the secure**



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**custody of persons in custody who are on or about the premises, including persons taken into custody at proceedings; and**

**Whereas the provision of court security is not part of providing adequate and effective policing; and**

**Whereas the cost of providing court security is a cost of the municipality, regardless of whether all matters originate within that municipality; and**

**Whereas municipalities across Ontario are required to have and maintain critical infrastructure, including appropriate police facilities and equipment, to ensure adequate and effective policing is provided; and**

**Whereas municipalities across Ontario are experiencing increased police operating and capital costs directly related to new compliance and operational standards required under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019; and**

**Whereas these cost increases stem from provincially mandated requirements — including training, certification, technology, reporting, and staffing obligations — necessary to bring local police services into compliance with the Act; and**

**Whereas municipalities have no discretion in implementing these measures and limited ability to absorb the resulting financial pressures within existing budgets; and**

**Whereas policing is a provincially legislated responsibility, yet municipalities are bearing the brunt of the costs to implement provincial mandates;**

**Therefore, be it resolved that:**

**Council request that the Province of Ontario provide targeted financial assistance to municipalities to offset any additional costs that are directly and demonstrably incurred as a result of compliance with the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, and not general increases to police budgets; and**

**Therefore, be it further resolved that:**

**Council urge the Province of Ontario to review and reform its current police grant programs to ensure a more equitable distribution of funding to municipalities so that communities with growing populations and expanding service demands receive fair and sustainable provincial support; and**

**Therefore, be it further resolved that:**

**Council request that the Province of Ontario provide stable sustainable funding to offset costs associated with the provision of providing court security services; and**



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**That this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Peterborough Police Services Board Chair, and all Ontario municipalities for endorsement.**

Sincerely,

John Kennedy  
City Clerk



***Mary ten Doeschate, Chair***

***Mayor Jeff Leal***

***Drew Merrett, Vice-Chair***

***Councillor Gary Baldwin***

***Steve Girardi***

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December 18, 2025

City of Peterborough (Sent via email)  
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**Attention: Members of Council**

**Jasbir Raina, Chief Administrative Officer**

**Richard Freymond, Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Support Services**

**John Kennedy, Clerk**

Members of Council, Mr. Raina, Mr. Freymond and Mr. Kennedy:

**Re: Council Resolution – Stable Funding for Police Service Boards**

The Peterborough Police Service Board unanimously passed the following motion at their Board meeting held on December 16, 2025:

**Moved by Drew Merrett**

**Seconded by Jeff Leal**

**That the Board receive for consideration and endorsement the Peterborough City Council resolution made November 3, 2025 regarding stable funding for Police Service Boards.**

Accordingly, the Board sends this letter in support of Council's call for the Province of Ontario to review and reform its current police grant programs to ensure a more equitable distribution of funding to municipalities; the Board believes increased and sustainable funding support from the Province is necessary to ensure the Board can meet its legislated mandate of providing adequate and effective policing in the City of Peterborough.

Sincerely,

Mary ten Doeschate,  
Chair

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