



# 2025 DRAFT BUDGET COUNCIL UPDATE

## OPP COST CHANGES

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## COUNCIL DIRECTION ON NOVEMBER 20, 2024

To increase the operating portion of the levy by 1.7% to account for the increased OPP costs, bringing the total operating to 3.7%, as presented by staff and bring forward for by-law approval.

The total increase of OPP costs added to the budget was \$228,611

## RESPONSE FROM PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

The Provincial Government provided notice to the Mayor that they will be providing the following financial relief for our 2025 OPP billing:

- A 3.75 per cent reduction of the total 2023 reconciled costs; and
- A 44 per cent reduction on overtime 2023 reconciled costs; and
- A 10 per cent reduction of 2025 billing cost amounts

Of the original OPP cost increase of \$228,611, the Township of Whitewater Region will see a reduction in costs of approximately \$174,250. This is made up of \$56,575 for 2023 reconciliation costs and \$117,675 for 2025 billing costs.

# PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL RELIEF

Line	Reconciled Cost per OPP billing	Financial Relief %	Financial Relief Amount	Adjusted Cost	Notes	
2023 Base Service	655,194.00	3.75%	(24,569.78)	630,624.23	3.75% reduction on 2023 reconciled costs	
2023 Calls for Service	360,961.00	3.75%	(13,536.04)	347,424.96		
2023 Overtime	40,574.00	44.00%	(17,852.56)	22,721.44		44% reduction on 2023 reconciled OT
2023 Prisoner Transportation	5,456.00	3.75%	(204.60)	5,251.40		3.75% reduction on 2023 reconciled costs
2023 Accommodation/Cleaning Services	10,968.00	3.75%	(411.30)	10,556.70		
Total 2023 Costs	1,073,153.00			1,016,578.73		
2023 Amount Paid	1,010,542.00			1,010,542.00		
2023 Reconciliation adjustment	62,611.00		(56,574.27)	6,036.73		
2025 Estimated Cost	1,176,784.00	10.00%	(117,678.40)	1,059,105.60	10% reduction to 2025 cost	
Grand Total 2025	1,239,395.00		(174,252.67)	1,065,142.33		
Grand Total 2024	1,010,784.00			1,010,784.00		
Increase in 2025	228,611.00			54,358.33		
% increase	22.6%			5.4%		

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

- The 2025 budget presented on November 20, 2024, be reduced by the 2023 OPP reconciliation cost reduction amount of \$56,575.
- The proposed 10% reduction of 2025 billing costs be put in reserve to be applied to the 2026 OPP billing due to the uncertainty of the future OPP billing model.

## BUDGET IMPACT

- By allocating the 2023 reconciliation relief amount of \$56,575 to the 2025 budget, the effective tax levy increase for 2025 is reduced from 7.9% to 7.1%; and
- By not decreasing the 2025 OPP billing costs by the 10% provided, but rather placing that amount in reserve, the impact of the 2026 OPP billing costs and 2024 reconciliation are minimized to an estimated 0.52% increase impact on the levy.

# POLICING

## Policing (November 20, 2024 Presentation)

■ 2024 Expenses	\$1,010,784
■ 2025 Expenses	\$1,259,395
■ Total increase of	\$ 248,611
■ Made up of:	
■ OPP increase (year-over-year)	\$ 166,000
■ OPP 2023 Reconciliation	\$ 62,611
■ Police Service Board	\$ 20,000

## Policing (Amended)

■ 2024 Expenses	\$1,010,784
■ 2025 Expenses	\$1,202,820
■ Total increase of	\$ 192,036
■ Made up of:	
■ OPP increase (year-over-year)	\$ 48,320
■ OPP 2023 Reconciliation	\$ 6,036
■ Allocation to Reserve for 2026 Cost	\$ 117,680
■ Police Service Board	\$ 20,000

# ESTIMATED EFFECT ON TAX RATES

	2025 (Amended)	2025 (Presented)	2024
Residential Tax Rate	0.00783755	0.00789623	0.00732832
Assessment	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Tax per \$100,000 Assessment	\$783.76	\$789.62	\$732.83
Increase per \$100,000 Assessment	\$50.93	\$56.79	
Decrease	\$5.86		

	2025 (Amended)	2025 (Presented)	2024
Median Single Family Detached Assessment	\$179,000	\$179,000	\$179,000
Lower Tier Municipal Tax	\$1402.92	\$1,413.43	\$1,311.77
Increase in Municipal Tax	\$91.15	\$101.66	