



Staff Report

Report To: South Huron Council
From: **Dan Best, Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk**
Date: May 22 2018
Report: CAO 10-2018
Subject: Policing Update – Grants and Safer Ontario Act, 2018

Recommendations:

That the report from Dan Best, Chief Administrative Officer dated May 22, 2018 regarding a policing update be received.

Purpose:

Information

Background and Analysis:

The following provides an update regarding policing grants and the Safer Ontario Act, 2018 **Policing Grants**

In a recent letter received from the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, the Ministry has confirmed that for 2019-20, police services or boards may continue to apply for grants under the traditional programs (Provincial Anti-Violence Intervention Strategy, Community Policing Partnerships, and Safer Communities – 1,000 Officers Partnership) or under the new Policing Effectiveness and Modernization (PEM) program.

This is a further one-year delay to implementing the new model which will provide funding stability in the short term. New granting criteria for 2020-21 may not necessarily be directed to front-line officers in the future. Questions related to this potential financial risk should be discussed locally with Boards. AMO's objectives in any new grant discussion will include:

- An examination of historical and future funding envelopes
- Transition assistance and stable funding as needed
- No unfunded municipal liabilities arising from the transition
- Financial support for newly mandated municipal Community Safety and Well-Being Planning.

Safer Ontario Act, 2018 The Act has been proclaimed with an in-force date of January 1, 2020. This will delay the implementation of the Act including the limited provisions to potentially control some service costs with “authorized policing providers”. 1. Changes related to the Ontario Special Investigations Unit (OSIU) take effect on June 30, 2018. As of October 1, 2018, all special constables (including transit agencies) will become subject to the jurisdiction of the OSIU. 2. Changes related to the establishment of the Ontario Policing Complaints Agency and the Ontario Policing Discipline Tribunal will come into force on January 1, 2020. It is anticipated that the measures will enhance public confidence in policing and oversight. 3. All municipalities (except lower tier municipalities in Durham, York, Peel, Halton, Niagara, and Waterloo) will be required to adopt Community Safety and Well-Being Plans by January 1, 2021. AMO will continue to seek provincial assistance to minimize the impact this responsibility imposes on municipalities. 4. Details related to the consolidation of OPP Boards will be set out in regulations. Based on information provided by AMO, over 150 regulations are needed to give effect to the Act.

Operational Considerations:

As this report is for information purposes only, no operational considerations were considered.

South Huron’s Strategic Plan:

Section 6.2.2 of the Municipality of South Huron 2015- 2019 Strategic Plan identifies key priorities and strategic directions. The following elements are supported by the actions outlined in this report:

- ✓ Administrative Efficiency and Fiscal Responsibility
- ✓ Increased Communications and Municipal Leadership
- ✓ Transparent, Accountable, and Collaborative Governance

Financial Impact:

There are no financial implications as a result of the actions outlined in this report.

Legal Impact:

There are no legal implications as a result of the actions outlined in this report.

Staffing Impact:

There are no staffing implications as a result of the actions outlined in this report.

Policies/Legislation:

Safer Ontario Act, 2018

Consultation:

None

Related Documents:

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Best, Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk