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To: Mayor Finch <gfinch@southhuron.ca>
Subject: OPP Facility In Exeter

Dear Mayor Finch,

I am writing in support of your efforts to have the Government of Ontario maintain some sort of OPP facility in Exeter. Although currently a resident of Lucan, I frequently shop in Exeter and travel on South Huron area roads.

Although I have some understanding of the Government of Ontario move to centralize and update Detachments, I think there is still a great need for some sort of physical OPP presence in Exeter. Not only does this serve to maintain a close link with the local community, it can offer a safe and secure (quickly accessible) facility for an officer working in the field.

Perhaps during this time of living with the reality of Covid-19 in Ontario, some reassessment is needed as we enter what is being called "The New Normal."

At the very least, the Province could consider an OPP sub office with clean washroom and hand washing facilities. Availability of a secure area with a Landline Phone available would, perhaps, also be helpful.

While I understand that the Ontario Government has made a large commitment to upgrading Communications Technology within OPP vehicles, there are limitations. Since moving to this area last fall, I have learned about the challenges of extreme weather...especially winter weather. I'm trying to imagine the challenges for an officer attempting to do report work from their vehicle... in the middle of a February night... with a snowstorm blowing around them, while keeping an eye on their surroundings for their personal safety.

I thank you for speaking up for residents in South Huron and area.

Best of luck in your endeavor.

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