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His Worship Robert Lefebvre
Mayor
Town of Hawkesbury
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Dear Mayor Lefebvre:

Our government is proud to have a strong working relationship with both our municipal partners and the police services that keep our communities safe. The collective agreement that was reached between the province and the Ontario Provincial Police Association (OPPA) earlier this year reflects this strong relationship and will support our brave women and men in uniform across Ontario.

At the same time, we understand the impact these changes are having on the budgets of municipalities that are served by the OPP, including your own, which is why we are stepping up with additional provincial support. With that in mind, I am pleased to share with you the following proposed billing changes:

- A 3.75 per cent reduction of the total 2023 reconciled costs to all communities to approximate the full (100 per cent) impact of the Ontario Provincial Police Association (OPPA) salary increases, excluding the 1 per cent increase that was built into the 2023 estimates; and
- A 44 per cent reduction on overtime 2023 reconciled costs to all communities;
- A 10 per cent reduction of 2025 invoice amounts to all communities to approximate the full (100 per cent) impact of the OPPA salary increases excluding the 1 per cent increase that was already built into the 2023 estimate.

These changes would provide over \$77 million in relief to OPP-policed municipalities.

The total billing statement that was initially provided to you for 2025, inclusive of the increases resulting from the new collective agreement, was \$ 3,352,565. Today's proposed billing changes will provide an estimated \$503,536 in financial relief for your municipality, bringing the new total for OPP services being billed to your municipality in 2025 to \$2,849,030.

In addition to these changes, the Government of Ontario is continuing its annual \$125 million Court Security & Prisoner Transportation Transfer Payment Program for the 2025 calendar year.

The province will also be examining options for reviewing the OPP billing model to ensure that it meets the needs of communities across the province.

If you have any questions, please contact Ryan Whealy, Deputy Director of Issues and Legislative Affairs, at Ryan.Whealy@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your continued collaboration, valuable relationship, input and dedication to ensuring the safety and well-being of your community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Kerzner", with a long, sweeping underline.

Michael Kerzner
Solicitor General