

Mayor Leatham and West Elgin Council
Municipality of West Elgin
22413 Hoskins Line
Rodney, ON N0L 2C0

Dear Mayor Leatham and West Elgin Council,

Re: Request for Contribution to the Elgin OPP Detachment Board During Inaugural Phase

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you that the Elgin OPP Detachment Board held its inaugural meeting on November 13, 2024, marking an important milestone in our collective efforts to enhance public safety and governance within Elgin County. The Draft Minutes of the November 13, 2024, meeting are attached.

As we embark on our foundational work, we are currently in the process of determining how best to administer the Board. During this inaugural phase, the Board is working diligently to establish the necessary tools and frameworks for effective operation in accordance with the requirements of the Community Safety and Policing Act. This includes determining who will serve as the Board's administrator, as well as addressing the essential legal, insurance, and professional requirements needed to ensure compliance and smooth functioning.

As we move through this transitional period, we anticipate that the formal budget for the Elgin OPP Detachment Board will not be finalized until 2025. In the meantime, we are seeking the support of each local municipality served by the Elgin OPP Detachment Board to contribute \$5,000 to cover essential operational costs, including insurance, legal fees, and other professional services required to support the Board's activities.

These funds will be held by the County of Elgin until such time as a dedicated bank account can be established for the Detachment Board. Once the Board's budget has been finalized and adopted, the \$5,000 contribution from each municipality will be deducted from the final invoice that will be sent to each partner municipality and a detailed reporting of expenses will be provided.

We are confident that with your support, the Elgin OPP Detachment Board will be able to establish a solid foundation for effective policing oversight and community engagement, and we appreciate your ongoing commitment to public safety in our region.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or require further information. We look forward to working with you as we continue to move forward with the important work of the Elgin OPP Detachment Board.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AS', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andrew Sloan
Chair, Elgin OPP Detachment Board