



RESOLUTION 2024-01

Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA) Implementation Costs

Preamble:

The Government of Ontario passed Bill 68, *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA) and accompanying regulations, which came into effect on April 1, 2024. This Act replaced the previous *Police Services Act* (1990) and focuses on community safety, enhancing police oversight, modernizing policing and establishing consistent mandated training requirements.

WHEREAS police services across Ontario have and/or will incur significant unbudgeted costs to implement the CSPA to comply with regulations including but not limited to:

- a) Uniform changes as per regulation 86/24 Special Constable Uniforms
- b) Training requirements as per regulation 87/24: Training
- c) Equipment as per regulation 292/23 Adequate and Effective Policing
- d) Equipment as per regulation 393/23 Active Attacker Incidents
- e) Arbitration and adjudication commission costs as per regulation 415/23 Cost of Adjudication Hearings, and

WHEREAS costs to implement the CSPA will be phased into police services from April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2027, and

WHEREAS many police services have multi-year budget cycles and therefore have already approved 2024 and future years of budgets that do not include these costs and

WHEREAS to be compliant with the CSPA, police services will need to incur additional costs for unbudgeted items which will negatively impact their ability to remain within approved estimates. This will result in additional costs to municipal taxpayers and will vary depending on location, population size, type of Police Service and several other factors.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) calls on the Government of Ontario to fund police services the full costs to implement the *Community Safety and Policing Act* (CSPA).