



RESOLUTION 2025-04

Support for Funding Demonstrations and Protests in Ontario

WHEREAS the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*, mandates, in Part III, Section 11, that municipalities ensure the delivery of adequate and effective policing services, which include maintaining public peace and ensuring effective emergency response capabilities. This includes adherence to standards that align with the requirements set forth by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Human Rights Code, and

WHEREAS reported incidents of hate crimes have notably targeted Jewish people, LGBTQ+ communities, Black communities, and Muslim communities, contributing to an environment of fear and insecurity among these groups, and

WHEREAS hate crimes highlight the critical need for targeted interventions, education, and community outreach efforts to combat discrimination and foster inclusive community relations in Ontario, and

WHEREAS there has been a heightened necessity for increased visibility and police presence at places of worship, schools and other community centers, driven by the need to ensure the safety and security of all residents amid rising public safety concerns, and

WHEREAS the growing scale and frequency of public gatherings, demonstrations, protests and events require robust and adequately funded policing resources, including public order deployments, and

WHEREAS coordinated public order responses rely on cross-jurisdictional collaboration, advanced training, and specialized equipment to ensure safety and operational effectiveness, and

WHEREAS these efforts are critical in maintaining public order, safeguarding community relations and preventing potential conflicts during a year marked by heightened social tensions and increased frequency of public demonstrations, and

WHEREAS the burden of deploying and maintaining public order units often strains municipal police budgets and resources, impacting their ability to respond to other local concerns effectively, and

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario require equitable funding similar to that provided under the Nation's Capital Extraordinary Policing Costs Program, which covers exceptional policing requirements such as the cost to police demonstrations, protests, visits by royalty, heads of state, and dignitaries, labour disputes, and the protection of significant landmarks and institutions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) calls on the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario to allocate equitable funding streams to support demonstrations and protests within the province, ensuring readiness and availability of resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such funding should encompass training, equipment acquisition and technology upgrades essential for modern public order operations.