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October 9, 2015

Open Letter to All Municipal Councils in Ontario

Attention: Municipal Clerk

(for inclusion in the agenda for a meeting of your Council)

Re: Consultation on the Police Services Act

Dear Municipal Council of an Ontario Municipality:

The Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing considered and passed the enclosed resolution at its meeting held on September 16th, 2015.

As you can see, the Council is seeking support for its position from other Ontario Municipalities.

Together, we should be able to achieve a positive result for our constituents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Rosalie A. Evans

Solicitor-Clerk

On behalf of Mayor Ziggy Polkowski

Moved by: Councillor Coulson;

Seconded by: Councillor Lankinen

WHEREAS the Province has begun a process of public consultation relating to the Police Services Act;

AND WHEREAS The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing continues to have significant concerns and objections to the amount of money that the Provincial Government expects Municipalities to pay for either having its own police service, for contracting with the Ontario Provincial Police, or for employing the Ontario Provincial Police through the 'default' provisions of the Police Services Act;

AND WHEREAS the consultation statement issued by the Province indicates that the Province is seeking input on (among other matters) how to "clarify police duties, modernize training programs and deliver services using a range of public safety personnel";

AND WHEREAS Ontario's provincial and municipal police forces are among the highest paid police services in Canada;

AND WHEREAS the residents of Canada deserve appropriate and affordable police protection:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing is urging all municipalities in Ontario, whether or not they have municipal police forces, to participate in the consultation process;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing believes that effective community policing can be undertaken without the use of uniformed police officers through the use of a two-tiered system that would allow municipalities to recruit non-uniformed safety personnel for day to day policing, relying on uniformed officers only for significant high-level criminal investigations and/or matters requiring particular expertise or specialized equipment;

AND FURTHER THAT such a system would be delivering "services using a range of public safety personnel";

AND FURTHER THAT such a system should allow Ontario's municipalities to utilize uniformed police services on a fee-for-service basis at the times when the services are required;

AND FURTHER THAT this would allow highly trained and specialized police officers to utilize their skills and abilities where required, focusing on higher-order criminal activity;

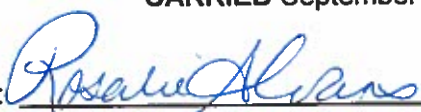
AND FURTHER THAT this would save significant taxpayer dollars at both the municipal and provincial orders of government without causing a deterioration in public safety and protection;

AND FURTHER THAT the Police Services Act should be amended to allow such a system to operate in Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing seeks support for this position from other Ontario municipalities.

Resolution No. 2015-09-339
CARRIED September 16, 2015

Certified as a true copy:


Rosalie A. Evans, Solicitor - Clerk