January 8, 2014

To all Ontario Municipalities,

It has come to the attention of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bancroft that many Municipalities are voicing their objections to the Provincial government regarding the proposed new police billing model. The objections are being heard from Municipalities that may experience an increase in their municipal policing costs. Please find enclosed a copy of Resolution #370-2013 which states the position of the Council of the Town of Bancroft.

The Town of Bancroft's current policing costs are well beyond the Provincial average, which has contributed to the increase of tax rates to unbearable levels, depleted reserves, and led to the deferral of necessary capital expenditures. The Council of the Town of Bancroft believes that the new police billing model is based on a fairer approach to all Municipalities.

The Council recognizes that under the new billing model some Municipalities may experience an increase in the cost for police services. The Council of the Town of Bancroft respectfully requests that the Provincial government not reduce the OMPF funding to Municipalities and provide mitigation funding for Municipalities that will experience increased policing costs as a result of the new police billing model.

On behalf of the Council of the Town of Bancroft I request your support of the enclosed Resolution. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me by telephone at (613)-332-3331 at ext. 202 or by e-mail at bjenkins@bancroft.ca.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Bernice Jenkins
Mayor

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Resolution #370-2013
Moved By: Deputy Mayor Wayne Wiggins
Seconded By: Councillor Paul Jenkins

WHEREAS Ontario municipalities are voicing their concerns and filing letters of objection and support to the Provincial government regarding the proposed new police billing model;

AND WHEREAS objections to the new model are being heard from municipalities that may experience an increase in their municipal policing costs;

AND WHEREAS all police services require a base level of infrastructure, supervision, administration and sufficient front-line policing necessary to provide adequate proactive policing, ensure the general safety and security of municipalities;

AND WHEREAS proactive policing activities, such as directed patrols, traffic enforcement and crime prevention are provided to all municipalities regardless of the level of calls for service;

AND WHEREAS calls for service are one of the primary cost drivers in policing and it is reasonable that municipalities pay the cost of their calls for service;

AND FURTHER all municipalities should pay their equitable share of essential “base level” policing services;

AND WHEREAS the Auditor General directed the OPP to address issues in its costing and billing methods that result in municipalities paying different rates;

AND WHEREAS the principles and design of the proposed new billing model is based on a fairer approach and significantly enhances transparency;

AND WHEREAS the final OPP billings for the Town of Bancroft for the period 2008 to and including 2012 (5 years), was $6,674,154 with an average household count of 1948.2;

AND WHEREAS application of the “fairer” police billing model at the estimated rate of $369. per household be applied to Bancroft’s total households per year over the 5 year study period, indicated that the Town of Bancroft paid an excess amount of $3,079,725;
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AND WHEREAS the Town of Bancroft has no means to recover this significant financial loss and impact, however the Town of Bancroft remains fully supportive of mitigation for Municipalities that will be effected with increased policing costs as a result of the new police billing model;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Bancroft urge the Provincial Government to not reduce the OMPF funding to Municipalities and to provide mitigation funding for municipalities that will have increased policing costs as a result of the new police billing model.

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to Hastings County, all Ontario Municipalities, Mayor's Coalition, and AMO requesting their support;

AND FURTHER that this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, all Provincial Ministers and the local and area MPP and MP.

CARRIED.

Bernice Jenkins, Mayor

Certified A True Copy

Dated: Dec 19/13

Commissioner

Daniel McCoy, Acting Deputy Clerk
A Commissioner for
the Town of Bancroft