

WEST GREY POLICE SERVICES PROPOSAL FOR THE PROVISION OF POLICING SERVICES

**Q & A's from Public Meeting held in Williamsford
on Thursday September 19, 2019**

QUESTIONS POSED TO OPP INSPECTOR MARTIN MURRAY

- 1. If the cost of the proposed service was not on the table, I would like to hear one compelling reason why we should choose West Grey Police Service.**
Quite simply it comes down to capacity. The Ontario Provincial Police has a long standing history across the Province and we have the capacity to get there and do what is necessary. We have an overarching public safety that can be drawn from resources across the Province.
- 2. In 2019 Chatsworth experienced an increase in their household cost. What is that made up of?**
Costing is based on a per household cost. If there are more houses, the base cost would go up.
- 3. What amount of mental health training do your officers receive?**
The OPP takes mental health training very seriously and has a robust program to ensure that not only the public is well, but our officers are well also. We have access to emergency response workers with the LHIN (Local Health Integration Networks) who have a clinician embedded into our program.
- 4. How many officers would be assigned to Chatsworth during each shift?**
The current staffing model is such that one officer is not enough for Chatsworth given the multiple calls we deal with. The OPP has an integrated service delivery model that allows me to bring in additional officers from other areas.
- 5. Who would be attending community events if the OPP continues to provide policing?**
Community events would be handled the same way we do now – we have several auxiliary members as well as two community service officers.
- 6. How many officers are on duty on any given day?**
We have sixteen officers assigned to each shift.
- 7. What capacity do you have to patrol the two lakes?**
We have the availability of a marine unit with a boat on a truck 24/7. We have been on all Chatsworth lakes this summer and in addition we were at McCullough Lake yesterday.