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Midland Council Accepts OPP Costing Proposal

(MIDLAND, ON)

Following a six month review process and significant community input, Midland Council has voted to accept the OPP Costing Proposal for an integrated policing model through the Southern Georgian Bay Detachment. The OPP Proposal will provide additional policing resources into the Midland community in a cost effective manner. The conclusions of the Town's independent consultant Jon Hambides (*Aysmetric Consulting/Pomax Consulting*) reported that, *"the evidence indicates that if the Town of Midland accepts the OPP proposal for municipal policing, there will be a significant annual financial benefit with no degradation in policing."*

At the special meeting of Council on September 6th, 2017, Mayor McKay and Members of Council thanked the members of the Midland Police Service for their high degree of professionalism throughout the costing exercise. In particular, Mayor McKay thanked Chief Mike Osborne for his leadership and his passion for the Midland Community. He also noted, *"This decision is not about the past, but is focused on embracing the future and ensuring that the Town can continue to meet the needs of our residents and businesses."*

Residents will be encouraged to identify ways to strengthen and improve future community safety and policing priorities by sharing their suggestions as we move forward in this process.

More information will be released from the Town at our website www.midland.ca



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