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WHEREAS the Town of Smiths Falls under Section 10 of the Police Services Act must provide policing services to our residents;

WHEREAS the Police Services Act permits municipalities to deliver police services in several different ways;

WHEREAS the Town is facing unprecedented inflationary cost increases to its overall capital and operational expenditures;

WHEREAS the Police Services budget represents the single largest cost across the various municipal departments;

WHEREAS the cost per capita for delivering Ontario Provincial Police Services to over 320 Ontario municipalities is estimated to be \$362 (2025);

WHEREAS the cost per capita to deliver the Smiths Falls Police Service is estimated to be \$675 (2026);

WHEREAS the residents of Smiths Falls expressed concern with policing costs during previous and current budget surveys;

WHEREAS there will be a municipal election in October 2026 and it is anticipated that local policing costs will be a subject for debate during the election;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of The Town of Smiths Falls direct staff to provide a written report to Council detailing the process the Town would follow to carry out a review of different policing options;

AND THAT staff provide Council with the current provincial context for engaging the OPP in costing police services in the Town of Smiths Falls:

AND THAT the staff report be delivered to Council by the end of June 2026;