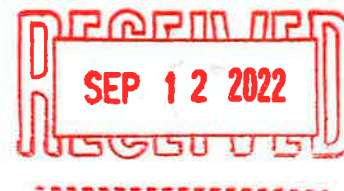


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Mayor Robinson and Members of Council
Municipality of West Grey
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Via Email: Genevieve Scharback, CMO - gscharback@westgrey.com

Dear Mayor & Council:

I am writing to you with respect to Owen Sound Police Services (OSPS) offer to provide the Municipality of West Grey (West Grey) with a proposal for police services.

As presented to your council on March 15, 2022, and by prior letter, Chief Ambrose, requesting specific information regarding the level of police service your community desires to allow the OSPS to provide the most economically viable solution based on your requirements. Using that information would have allowed the OSPS to tailor a policing plan that would meet and possibly exceed the municipality's expectations rather than trying to make the community's needs fit into an already established model. Chief Ambrose was advised during that council meeting that West Grey staff would provide the requested information at a later date.

On April 19, 2022, I wrote to you expressing my concern that Chief Ambrose had not received any correspondence surrounding the requested information. On April 23, 2022, OSPS was advised that West Grey would be inviting costing proposals through a Request for Proposal process, and a bid package would be released on May 16 or 17, 2022, with a deadline for OSPS and Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) to respond in mid-August.

I am advised that OSPS received correspondence on May 31, 2022, outlining the timelines for the provision of policing services and indicating that the police service profile information would be provided on or before June 3, 2022.

On June 21, 2022, Chief Ambrose followed up with Ms. Johnson, given that no information had been received as of yet. In her response, she confirmed that the proposal was still due on or before September 13, 2022.

On July 29, 2022, Chief Ambrose advised Ms. Johnson that he had not received any information from West Grey and was still waiting to receive the Request for Proposal or

police service profile as mentioned in the May 31, 2022 correspondence, promised to be delivered June 3, 2022.

Nothing further was received until August 3, 2022. On this date, Chief Ambrose received a standardized copy of the OPP's police service profile form. This document came a full two months after June 3, 2022, the date it had originally been promised to us. After careful review, Chief Ambrose's opinion is that this document provides limited information and only deals at a high level with what the current service provides. There has been no information from West Grey to Chief Ambrose since March 15, 2022, when he requested clarification of what type of policing service West Grey wants, especially as it relates to community policing.

The City of Owen Sound and the Owen Sound Police Service Board have a continued interest in a potential joint or regional community-based police service model that meets the needs and desires of your community while providing efficiencies for all of our taxpayers. However, with the limited information received to date, OSPS is unable to submit a reasoned proposal that effectively provides a community policing model with associated costs to the citizens of West Grey.

If you wish to consider all policing options, and more detailed information was made available, please advise, and Chief Ambrose will confirm with you the length of extension required to provide you with a proposal that aligns with your community's expectations.

Yours truly,



CC: Members of Council, City of Owen Sound
John Thomson Chair, Owen Sound Police Services Board
Owen Sound Police Services Board Members
Tim Simmonds, City Manager
Brianna Bloomfield, Clerk