

## Municipality of West Grey

### Budget Request

Request: CAO-03-22 – Police costing consultant

Department: Chief Administrative Officer

Year: 2022

Included in draft budget ☐

Proposed addition to budget ☒

Description						
<b>Budget Request Form</b>						
<b>Nature of request:</b>						
Budget to retain a police costing consultant						
<b>Justification:</b>						
<p>At the December 21, 2021 council meeting, West Grey council directed staff to initiate the process to obtain a costing from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) to provide policing services for West Grey.</p> <p>In consultation with Ontario municipalities that have gone through the OPP costing process, West Grey Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) was strongly advised to budget for, and retain, a costing consultant to complete the cost and service level analysis of the OPP proposal in relation to the cost and service level currently provided by West Grey Police Service.</p> <p>The CAOs consulted further noted that retaining a third-party consultant ensures an unbiased analysis on a complicated, specialized matter that requires specific expertise. Bids received by these municipalities in 2018/2019 ranged from \$40,000 to \$70,000; however, both municipalities paid approx. \$55,000. Inflation and the reality of escalating costs would necessitate a budget maximum of \$80,000.</p>						
<b>Consequences of not funding:</b>						
It is not appropriate or feasible for municipal staff to complete the costing analysis. This analysis requires specific expertise and impartiality. If council does not allocate appropriate funds to retain such expertise, there is a threat to the integrity of the costing analysis.						
<b>Alignment with council priority of strategic plan</b>						
Pillar: Work together Goal: Listen and empower Strategy: Instill a customer-first workplace culture						
	<b>2022 Mandatory</b>	<b>2022 One- time</b>	<b>2022 Growth</b>	<b>2022 Service level</b>	<b>2023 One- time</b>	<b>2023 Service level</b>
<b>Capital Expenditure</b>						

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<b>Operating Expenditure</b>		80,000				
<b>Funding Source</b>						
Tax Levy		80,000				
Reserve						
Grant						
Fees						
Other						