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As a tax paying resident of West Grey I feel the need to weigh in on the comments made by some members of council alluding to my lack of understanding with regards to the petition being circulated supporting local policing.

What I do understand is that four members of council are holding their taxpayers hostage over an issue that the majority of residents disagree with! The timing of the vote and the expenditure of my monies for this costing without any feedback/input from me is suspicious at best and speaks to some "back room" politics. I whole heartedly agree that this issue should have been expressed as a platform for the 2022 election at which time the voters could choose whether the issue, and related monies, were worth pursuing/spending. Knowing that their bid for OPP costing would likely cost them their council position if it became an election issue likely explains the timing. My belief is that they figure they will get "I told you so" figures from the OPP which they will then attempt to justify prior to the election. Truly understanding Community Policing, as I feel most of those who signed the petition do, would explain any slight savings the OPP may offer. In my experience, you get what you pay for. With the OPP overseeing West Grey we lose a preventive community-minded police force and replace it with a reactive, over taxed police force.

Though the four council members in question hedge by saying how great our West Grey Police Force is, it comes off as lip service for those who truly understand what's at stake. If anyone is confused it is the four councillors attempting to create their own legacies.

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