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## Memorandum

**BRC-C 14-2024**

**Subject:** 2025 Proposed Operating Budget – Niagara Regional Police Service and Police Service Board Response to Budget Reduction Request

**Date:** December 5, 2024

**To:** Budget Review Committee of the Whole

**From:** Kelly Lotimer, Deputy Regional Clerk

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At its meeting held on November 14, 2024, the Budget Review Committee of the Whole passed the following motion:

1. That Correspondence Item BRC-C 7-2024, dated November 5, 2024, respecting 2025 Proposed Operating Budget - Niagara Regional Police Service and Police Service Board, **BE RECEIVED**;
2. That the Niagara Regional Police Service and Police Service Board 2025 Proposed Operating Budget of \$213,308,546 or 13.18% **BE APPROVED** in principle subject to consideration of the general levy for Niagara Region;
3. That Niagara Regional Council **DIRECT** the Regional Chair to write a letter to Premier Doug Ford and Solicitor General Michael Kerzner to request that the increase in the Niagara Regional Police Services operating budget of \$10,323,969 (5.7%) as a result of the replacement of the Police Services Act with the Community Safety and Policing Act, be funded by the province, rather than through the tax levy funded by the property taxes of Niagara residents; and
4. That this motion and the letter written by the Regional Chair **BE CIRCULATED** to all 12 local area municipalities, Niagara's four MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Ontario's Inspectorate of Policing, and the Niagara Regional Police Service Board.

Subsequently at the Regional Council held on Thursday, November 21, 2024, the following resolution was passed:

That the Niagara Regional Police Service and Police Service Board 2025 Proposed Operating Budget, **BE REFERRED** to the Police Service Board requesting a further budget reduction of \$1.067 million.

The Clerk's Office is in receipt of correspondence from the Niagara Regional Police Service Board advising that the Board considered Regional Council's request at its meeting held on November 28, 2024, and subsequently passed the following motion:

That the Niagara Police Service Board decline Regional Council's request for a further budget reduction of \$1.067 million to the Niagara Regional Police Service and Police Service Board 2025 Proposed Operating Budget.

The correspondence received from the Niagara Regional Police Service Board is attached to this memorandum as Appendix 1.

As a result, the motion respecting the 2025 Proposed Operating Budget – Niagara Regional Police Service and Police Service Board, passed at the Budget Review Committee of the Whole meeting held on November 14, 2024, is before Committee for consideration.

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Correspondence Item BRC-C 7-2024, as presented to Budget Review Committee of the Whole at its meeting on November 14, 2024, is attached for your information as Appendix 2.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

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Kelly Lotimer  
Deputy Regional Clerk

**Appendices**

- Appendix 1           Niagara Police Service Board Response to Budget Reduction Request
- Appendix 2           BRC-C 7-2025 - 2025 Proposed Operating Budget – Niagara Regional Police Service and Police Service Board