

	Report Title	Local Court Security Advisory Committee – Town of Tillsonburg Representative
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RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receive report CAO 17-04 Local Court Security Advisory Committee – Town of Tillsonburg Representative;

AND THAT the Town of Tillsonburg recommends the appointment of Mr. Larry Scanlan, Chair of the Tillsonburg Police Services Board to the Local Court Security Advisory Committee.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As noted in the attached Memorandum from the Clerk of the County of Oxford, the Local Court Security Advisory Committee as established by the Council of the County of Oxford is requesting one appointee from the Council of the Town of Tillsonburg. The only stipulation regarding an appointee is that it be a non-County Councillor member. Therefore, in the case of the Town of Tillsonburg, Mayor Molnar could not be appointed to the Advisory Committee. It is staffs understanding that Council could appoint someone other than a Town of Tillsonburg Council member.

BACKGROUND

As Council will recall, Report CAO 16-11 Court Security Funding Model outlined the proposal by the County of Oxford to share costs with the Woodstock Police Services Board for the provision of Court Security at the Oxford County Court House. Security is provided at the Oxford County Court House for the benefit of all County of Oxford residents who attend the Court House. A portion of funding that use to come to the Town of Tillsonburg from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services goes to help fund court security. As the cost of security increases or new measures become available, these costs are shared by the area municipalities and the County of Oxford. The County when addressing the issue of shared funding,

recommended the creation of a Local Court Security Advisory Committee made up of representatives from the area municipalities for the purpose of annually recommending to County Council, the level of County funding for costs incurred by the Woodstock Police Services and the Ontario Provincial Police for Court Security and Prisoner Transportation services. Since the funding for Court Security and Prisoner Transportation is to be funded through annual taxation, the County felt it was important to have representatives from the area municipalities on an advisory committee for the purposes of reviewing and making recommendations to the County on funding requests that may come through the Woodstock Police Services and the Ontario Provincial Police.

In order to provide a Town of Tillsonburg representative that is knowledgeable about policing needs and how they relate to Court Security and Prison Transportation, staff is recommending that Mr. Larry Scanlan, current Chair of the Tillsonburg Police Services Board be Council's representative on the Committee. Mr. Scanlan and the Town CAO have a positive rapport which will ensure a transfer and sharing of any required information in order to assist in the Committee's work. Mr. Scanlan will represent the best interest of the Tillsonburg Police Services Board as well as the Town of Tillsonburg.

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

The Town of Tillsonburg Council has provided information in the past to Oxford County Council regarding Court Security. In addition, staff have consulted with Mr. Scanlan and he is willing to have his name stand for Council's consideration and is willing to serve on the Local Court Security Advisory Committee as Council's representative.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

As noted in the Community Strategic Plan (CSP), the plan identifies Excellence in Local Government as a strategic outcome and participating on the Local Court Security Advisory Committee will reinforce positive local decision making.

FINANCIAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

There is little direct financial impact other than some travel expenses for meeting attendance. There may be financial impact on the County levy depending on future recommendations from the Local Court Security Advisory Committee to Oxford County Council.

