

From: Justin Cohen [REDACTED]
Sent: November 18, 2024 12:10 PM
To: Meghan Townsend <mtownsend@townofgrandvalley.ca>
Subject: Municipal Speed Camera Program Question

Good day CAO Townsend;

I hope this email finds you well. I am reaching out as a concerned resident regarding traffic enforcement in our town. Specifically, I was wondering if the town has looked into the financial and operational differences between installing a speed camera and increasing contract police enforcement.

While speed cameras may provide a cost-effective solution for monitoring specific areas, they are fixed in one location. In contrast, an officer could provide targeted speed enforcement across various parts of town and adapt to areas of concern as they arise. Additionally, having an officer present serves as a visual deterrent not just for traffic violations but also for property crimes and other community safety issues.

As it stands, it's fairly well known that we do not have an officer stationed in town. This limited presence may inadvertently contribute to reduced compliance with traffic laws and potentially other concerns, such as property crime. I believe that increasing police presence could positively impact both safety and residents' sense of security.

Given these considerations, is it possible for the town or council to explore the costs associated with requesting a full-time officer from the OPP? I believe this could provide a clearer picture of what options are most feasible and beneficial for our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I'd appreciate any insight you can provide on this topic.

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On Mon, 18 Nov 2024 at 12:16, Meghan Townsend <mtownsend@townofgrandvalley.ca> wrote:

Hi Justin,

Under the new CSPA legislation, we have been advised that the OPP are no longer offering what were known as "contract enhancements". Other than paid duty arrangements, we have no way of

paying for additional officers. We have been advised that Paid Duty is only for occasional events and will not be available for routine patrols or to have a dedicated officer in town all the time.

If you would like Council to receive your request and a more formal investigation to take place in the form of a council report, please let me know and I will have your email added as a letter to Council for their next meeting.

Regards,

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CAO/Clerk | Town of Grand Valley

From: Justin Cohen [REDACTED]
Sent: November 18, 2024 1:08 PM
To: Meghan Townsend <mtownsend@townofgrandvalley.ca>
Subject: Re: Municipal Speed Camera Program Question

Thank you for your extremely rapid response and for explaining the limitations under the new CSPA legislation regarding OPP contract enhancements and paid duty arrangements. While I understand the constraints, I believe this raises important questions about how policing in Grand Valley will evolve as our town grows.

I would like to formally request that Council look into the policing plan for Grand Valley moving forward. Specifically:

1. **How will enhanced police presence be ensured** if we have no ability to request additional officers directly or arrange for consistent paid duty patrols?
2. **What is the OPP's plan to adapt policing services as our community grows** and faces increased demands for enforcement and community safety?
3. **Can the town request a detailed report from the OPP** outlining how policing services will be modified in alignment with Grand Valley's growth and needs?

I believe these are critical issues that should be addressed to ensure the safety and well-being of our residents as we continue to expand. If appropriate, please add this email as a letter to Council for their next meeting so that a formal investigation and discussion can take place.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Justin Cohen - [REDACTED]