



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

Briefing/Speaking Note

OPP Costing

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Issue

The EOWC has been advised that some local municipalities are experiencing significant cost increases this year. Our Caucus has not undertaken any in depth analysis of this issue at this time.

The EOWC is however very concerned about the recent contract award for the OPP and the pressure that this generous agreement will have on other police forces. For example,

- The union's ability to re-open the contract in 2010 for wages and benefits;
- Pension increases for uniform members of best three instead of best five starting in 2011;
- Pension increases for civilian members of best four instead of best five starting in 2011;

Action Requested

The EOWC would appreciate receiving a more comprehensive understanding of the current OPP billing situation across Eastern Ontario. It would also ask the Government to consider in those circumstances where costs are rising beyond the average increases that it reexamine its policy of implementing them in one year.

On the issue of the OPP contract the EOWC wishes to express its concern that in these difficult times a generous award of this nature will put undue financial pressure on municipalities who have their own police forces. We are also very concerned about the ripple effect that it will no doubt create for municipalities with with full time firemen and those who operate ambulance services like many of the EWOC members.