

# Town of Woodstock Policing Expansion Proposal Preliminary Information



## WHY IS THE TOWN REVIEWING THEIR POLICING MODEL?

After Local Governance reform, the Province asked every municipal police force in January of 2023 to provide a plan for expanding policing to the new boundaries. Earlier this year, the plan we submitted was approved. As significant transitional funding was also offered this year, the Woodstock Police Force underwent an extensive review of the plan, with staff and Mayor to develop a workable financial plan to support the proposed policing model. Surveys and public forums will provide an opportunity for public to provide feedback before a final decision is made by Council early September.

### WHAT IS IT GOING TO COST?

#### PRELIMINARY 2025-2027 ESTIMATED BUDGETS

Current 2024 WPF & RCMP Budget - \$ 5.3 million Estimated 2025 WPF & RCMP Budget - \$ 7.1 million Estimated 2026 WPF & RCMP Budget - \$ 8.3 million

Estimated 2027 WPF Budget - \$ 8.7 million

**Estimated Capital Costs - \$ 1.8 million** 

Proposed Property Tax Increases for Policing - 2025, 2026, 2027

Ward 4 - No increase
Wards 1, 2, 3, & 5 - <u>5 cents per year</u>

Outside Wards municipal portion of property taxes will increase from \$ 0.70 today to \$ 0.85 by 2027



Property Tax Example
Home assessed at \$200,000
5 cent increase = \$100 additional per year



**Did you know** the former town boundaries were equivalent to 15 square kilometers? The **new expanded boundary is 532 square kilometers! 35 times the original size!** 

# WHAT WILL MY SERVICE LOOK LIKE?

The proposed model is a 24/7 policing model for everyone that aims to prioritize regular police visibility and address community safety concerns through defined and publicly communicated strategic planning.

#### PROPOSED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART SUMMARY

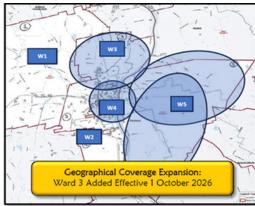
Current - 2024 24 Officers 10 Support Staff Oct 2025

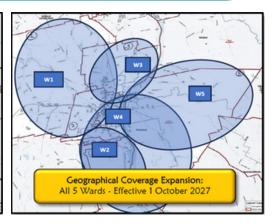
33 Officers 17 Support Staff Oct 2026

40 Officers 22 Support Staff 2027

45 Officers 25 Support Staff







**WANT TO LEARN MORE?** Join Woodstock Police Force staff, Mayor and Council at open forums later this summer; see a more detailed breakdown of the police servicing model, ask questions, and share concerns. Please consider filling out our initial online survey now at <a href="https://town.woodstock.nb.ca">https://town.woodstock.nb.ca</a> under Notices or by picking up a paper survey at the Town Hall or AYR Motor Centre reception. **Your feedback is critical.** 



**COMING SOON!** Watch for more details about dates, locations, and times of open forums.