



# Town of Woodstock Policing Expansion Review

## FEEDBACK WANTED - Please Read & Participate



### WHY IS THE TOWN REVIEWING THEIR POLICING MODEL?

After Local Governance reform, the Province asked the Woodstock Police Force in January of 2023 to provide a plan to expand policing to the new boundaries. Early in 2024 the plan was approved. As significant transitional funding was offered by the province to support a transition for the WPF to take over the new boundaries, an extensive review of the plan was completed in May and June to develop a workable financial and operational plan to support the proposed policing model. Surveys and public forums 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

\*Additional Estimated Capital Costs - \$ 1.8 million

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

- Ward 4 - No increase
- Wards 1, 2, 3, & 5 - 5 cents per year
- Outside Wards municipal portion of property taxes proposed increase from \$ 0.70 today to \$ 0.85 by 2027



**PROPERTY TAX EXAMPLE** - On a home assessed at \$200,000 - a 5 cent increase = \$100 additional per year

Why does the added cost have to come from property taxes? Today, 85% of all municipal costs are covered by property taxes, including policing costs. We hope Provincial Fiscal Reform for municipalities, that is supposed to happen by 2026, will provide us another revenue stream that will help us better manage costs and taxes. ?



**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

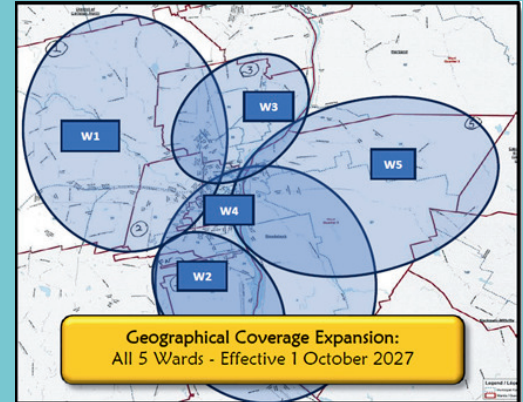
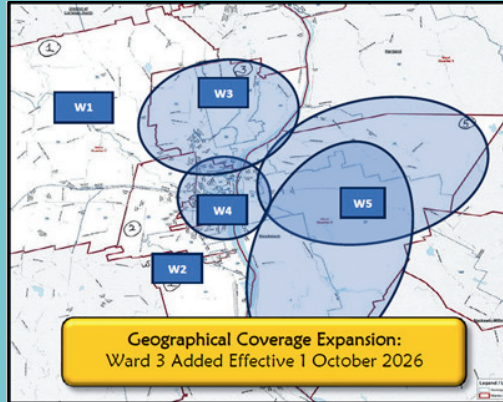
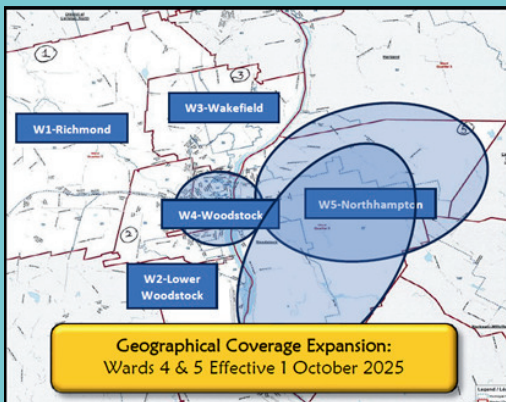
##### Oct 2026

40 Officers  
22 Support Staff

##### 2027

45 Officers  
25 Support Staff

#### PROPOSED TRANSITION PHASES



**!** If you do not live in Woodstock (example: you live in Hartland or Lakeland Ridges) but you received this bulletin, please ignore. Bulk delivery mailouts can be difficult to manage for some roads along the boundaries of our communities. Thank you for your understanding.



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### UNDECIDED? HAVE QUESTIONS?

Take time to attend one of three open forums this month. Your feedback and participation is important. Come see a more detailed breakdown of the police servicing model, ask questions, and share thoughts and concerns with Police members and Council members.

#### FORMAT FOR FORUMS:

Meet & Greet 6:30pm ● Formal Q&A from 7:00pm - 8:00pm

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 19TH

Richmond Corner Rec. Centre  
830 HWY-555 Richmond, NB

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21ST

Northampton Rec. Centre  
3781 Route 105 Northampton, NB

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 22ND

McCain Community Theatre  
WHS - 144 Connell Park Rd.



## SURVEY #2

Open from  
August 12th to 25th

## TWO WAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN FINAL SURVEY !

### Online on our website

[www.town.woodstock.nb.ca](http://www.town.woodstock.nb.ca)

Launch Final Survey from Notices on the homepage or scan the QR Code



Fill out the survey below and place it in the **Drop Box** at the AYR Motor Centre Reception or at an Open Forum



## WAIT ! I FILLED OUT THE FIRST SURVEY..... NOW WHAT?!

If you filled out the first survey you do not need to complete Survey #2 unless: you were undecided and have now made a decision, or, if you filled out the first survey but you have changed your mind. We thank everyone that took the time to fill out our initial survey. Your feedback is important information for Council to have when they make their decision in the coming weeks.



### Town of Woodstock Policing Expansion - Final Survey

Drop me off at AYR Motor Centre Reception at Open Forum

1. Which Ward do you live in? (Check one box)

If you do not know which Ward you live in, check on [electionsnb.ca](http://electionsnb.ca) by selecting Local Governments and DEC's on the home page under "Search my voter information" or contact the Town Hall at (506) 325-4600 for assistance.

- Ward 1     Ward 2     Ward 3     Ward 4     Ward 5

2. Provide email address: (Print Please) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Would you support an expansion of the Woodstock Police Force to the new Town boundaries?

(Check one box)     Yes     No     Undecided

4. a) Did you fill out the first online survey? (Check one box)     Yes     No

b) If you selected YES to question 4. a) please check one box:

- I was originally undecided     Yes, but I have changed my mind

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_