



Police Services Board Meeting

Constable Colin McGregor Building

September 24, 2025

AGENDA

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

NEW HIRES/PROMOTIONS/CONTRACT RENEWALS

Name	Position	Start Date
Naudia Jones	Communicator	05-Aug-25
Cameron Ballagh	Cadet	05-Aug-25

SPECIAL CONSTABLE APPOINTMENTS/RENEWALS

Name	Appointment / Re-Appointment Date	Status
Lisa Johnson	07-Sep-25	Re-appointment
Andrea Edwards	16-Sep-25	Appointment

MINUTES

Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held June 18, 2025.

DEPUTATIONS

REPORTS

Revenues and Expenditures

Financial Statements (YTD Performance) for 2025 as of September 12, 2025.

2024 Operational Budget Update Report

A resolution passed by the Police Services Board virtually on July 4, 2025 indicating the following:

"That Report #CHIEF-2025-25; Operational Budget Update – 2024 Year-End Final; be received for information, and further, that the Police Services Board approve the report and recommendation as provided by Chief Roskamp to forward this report and Report #CHIEF-2025-04 to the St. Thomas City Manager, and St. Thomas City Council for informational purposes."

Moved By: Lynn Coates

Seconded By: Jason Jackson

Crime Severity Index (CSI) – Values for 2024

A resolution passed by the Police Services Board virtually on July 29, 2025 indicating the following:

“That: Report #CHIEF-2025-26; Crime Severity Index (CSI) – Values for 2024; be received for information, and further, that the Police Services Board approve the report and recommendation as provided by Chief Roskamp. Further, it is recommended that this report be forwarded to St. Thomas City Council for informational and awareness purposes.”

Moved By: Lynn Coates

Seconded By: Joe Preston

Ontario Naloxone Program

Second Quarter report dated June 30, 2025.

2025 Budget Monitoring / Year-End Projections

A report from Chief Roskamp re: 2025 Budget Monitoring and Year-End Projections.

AMO 2025 Delegation

A report from Chief Roskamp re: pressure points for the provision of public safety services in St. Thomas.

Unclaimed Money – Use to be Determined by PSB; Public Interest

A report (CHIEF-2025-28) from Chief Roskamp re: Unclaimed Money dated September 24, 2025.

Protective Services Report

A report from Corporate Communications date January 2025 – August 2025.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Statement re: Arson Investigation | Chief Marc Roskamp

A statement from the St. Thomas Police Services Chief of Police Marc Roskamp dated July 7, 2025 re: the arson that occurred on July 6, 2025 by a prolific offender.

Statement re: Downtown St. Thomas Arson | M.P. Andrew Lawton

A statement from M.P. Andrew Lawton dated July 7, 2025 re: the arson that occurred on July 6, 2025 by a prolific offender.

STPS Chief Roskamp; Continued Advocacy on Bail Reform and Local Public Safety

An email sent to the City of St. Thomas Mayor, City Councillors and City Manager re: the ongoing advocacy work being led by Chief Roskamp pertaining to the justice system reforms specifically issues surrounding bail for prolific offenders involved in chronic criminality.

Funding Notification – Community Safety and Policing (CSP) Provincial Grant

An email from the Ministry of the Solicitor General | Ontario Public Service dated August 8, 2025 indicating the application for the *St. Thomas Gun and Gang Violence Initiative* submitted under the 2025–26 cycle of the Community Safety and Policing (CSP) Grant was **not approved** (\$496,455.56) for funding under the Provincial Priorities Stream.

Funding Notification – Community Safety and Policing (CSP) Local Grant

An email from the Ministry of the Solicitor General | Ontario Public Service dated August 11, 2025 indicating the application for the *Connect* initiative submitted under the 2025–26 Community Safety and Policing (CSP) Grant's Local Priorities Funding Stream was approved, receiving \$262,308.40.

Next Generation 9-1-1 | 2024-25 Funding Reimbursement

An email received from the Minister of Finance on July 30, 2025 requesting the return of \$5,967.94 to the Ministry. This amount represents unspent funds, calculated as the difference between the total funding allocation and the total funds expended. This money owed back is related to tax calculations and specifically what was eligible for recovery under this grant.

Media Release – Appointment of Deputy Chief Steven Bogart | Effective September 1, 2025

A media release from the St. Thomas Police Services Board re: Appointment of Deputy Chief Steve Bogart effective September 1, 2025.

Media Release – St. Thomas Police Service Announces New Community Services Officer and School Liaison

A media release from the St. Thomas Police Service re: New Community Services officer and School Liaison dated August 19, 2025.

School Partnership Meeting

An update from Chief Roskamp re: School Partnership Meeting (TVDSB, LDCSB, St. Thomas Community Christian School held on September 27, 2025.

Ian's City Scope: Sustainable Public Safety in St. Thomas will Require Both Human and Financial Investments

An article dated August 30, 2025 re: funding investments by the Police Services Board and City of St. Thomas are producing tangible results in reducing crime and social disorder.

This Month in Elgin – July 2025 | Volume 09, Issue 07

An article highlighting the current growth record in St. Thomas, Ontario.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

PSB Meeting – November 2025 | Request to Change Date

For Board Discussion. Suggested date: Wednesday, November 19, 2025.

2026 Capital Budget Projects

Draft 2026 Capital Budget Projects – seeking Board input and approvals.

2026 Budget

Draft 2026 Budget to be presented – seeking Board input and approvals.

Request for Donation | Summerfest 2026 (Club Columbus St. Thomas)

A request for donation for Summerfest 2026.

MOVE TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

ACTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

ADJOURNMENT



Police Services Board Meeting

Constable Colin McGregor Building
REPORT

DIRECTED TO:	St. Thomas Police Services Board
PREPARED BY:	Chief Marc Roskamp
SUBJECT:	Request for Re-Appointment of Special Constable Lisa Johnson
MEETING DATE:	September 24, 2025
REPORT #	CHIEF-2025-SPCST4
REPORT TITLE:	Applications for Re-Appointment of Special Constable Lisa Michelle Johnson

Recommendation:

That: Report #CHIEF-2025-SPCST4; Special Constable Application for Re-Appointment for Lisa Johnson be received for information as prepared and submitted by Chief Roskamp, and further, that the Police Services Board approve the required re-appointment dated September 7, 2025 for the Special Constable designations for Lisa Johnson as per the Community Safety and Policing Act - Ontario Regulation 396/23.

Background:

The Community Safety and Policing Act authorizes and requires that approved Police Services Board employers now designate their own respective members as Special Constables. The application attached is to re-appoint Special Constable Lisa Johnson who has been employed as the Special Constable since November 9, 2007.

The attached justification of duties and job description document outlines and supports the requisite criteria and specific duties for which this member will be responsible. These justifications, powers and purposes are in alignment with the Community Safety and Policing Act, O. Reg. 396/23. Powers and purposes assigned will not go beyond the powers and purposes as listed for Item 1 Special Constables in the Schedule of Purposes and Powers for Certificates of Appointment and Permitted Weapons.

Analysis

Not applicable.

Financial Impact

Not applicable.

Respectfully,

Marc Roskamp
Chief of Police



Police Services Board Meeting

Constable Colin McGregor Building
REPORT

DIRECTED TO: St. Thomas Police Services Board

PREPARED BY: Chief Marc Roskamp

SUBJECT: Request for the Appointment of Special Constable Andrea Edwards

MEETING DATE: September 24th, 2025

REPORT # CHIEF-2025-SPCST5

REPORT TITLE: Applications for the Appointment of Special Constable Andrea Edwards

Recommendation:

That: Report #CHIEF-2025-SPCST5; that the Police Services Board approve the required appointment for the Special Constable designation for Andrea Edwards as per the Community Safety and Policing Act - Ontario Regulation 396/23.

Background:

The Community Safety and Policing Act authorizes and requires that approved Police Services Board employers now designate their own respective members as Special Constables. The application attached is to appoint Special Constable Andrea Edwards who has been employed a Forensic Identification Civilian Technician since July 29, 2025.

The attached justification of duties and job description document outlines and supports the requisite criteria and specific duties for which this member will be responsible. These justifications, powers and purposes are in alignment with the Community Safety and Policing Act, O. Reg. 396/23. Powers and purposes assigned will not go beyond the powers and purposes as listed for Item 1 Special Constables in the Schedule of Purposes and Powers for Certificates of Appointment and Permitted Weapons.

Analysis

Not applicable.

Financial Impact

Not applicable.

Respectfully,

Marc Roskamp
Chief of Police



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June 18, 2025

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

D. Reith	Chair
L. Coates	Vice Chair
J. Preston	Member
J. Jackson	Member (virtual)
R. Gibson	Member

OFFICIALS:

M. Roskamp	Chief of Police
S. Bogart	Staff Inspector
T. Terpstra	Executive Administrator

GUESTS:

MEDIA:

None.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

Name	Scholarship	Year
Taliah Shaw	Andrew M. Bennett	2025

NEW HIRES/ PROMOTIONS/CONTRACT RENEWALS

Moved By:	L. Coates
Seconded By:	R. Gibson

THAT: The Police Services Board approve the following under New Hires / Promotions / Contract Renewals:

Name	Position	Start Date
Leandro Leoi	Constable	July 2, 2025
Ashley MacArthur	Clerk	July 2, 2025
Justin McCarthy	Cadet in Training	Mid-August, 2025
Victoria Dalal	Cadet in Training	Mid-August, 2025
Timothy Ireland	Cadet	August 5, 2025
Janelle Cormier	Cadet	August 5, 2025
Courtney Mikulic	Business Office Manager	September 2, 2025

Carried.

SPECIAL CONSTABLE APPOINTMENTS

Moved By:	R. Gibson
Seconded By:	L. Coates

THAT: Report #CHIEF-2025-SPCST3; Special Constable Application for Re-Appointment for Racine Harlos, Special Constable Designation for Kyle Hetherington and Antoon Kouwen be received for information as prepared and submitted by Chief Roskamp, and further, that the Police Services Board approve the required appointments for the Special Constable designation for Racine Harlos, Kyle Hetherington and Antoon Kouwen as per the Community Safety and Policing Act - Ontario Regulation 396

Carried.

MINUTES

Moved By: L. Coates
Seconded By: J. Preston

THAT: The minutes of the meeting held May 28, 2025 be confirmed.

Carried.

DEPUTATIONS

REPORTS

Revenues and Expenditures

Moved By: J. Preston
Seconded By: L. Coates

THAT: The Police Services Board approve the Financial Statements (YTD Performance) for 2025 as of June 6, 2025.

Carried.

Bill 10 – Protect Ontario Through Safer Streets and Stronger Communities Act, 2025 – Schedule 8; Introduction of New Proposed Measures Respecting Premises with Illegal Drug Activity Act, 2025

Moved By: L. Coates
Seconded By: R. Gibson

THAT: Report #CHIEF-2025-24; Bill 10 – ‘Protect Ontario Through Safer Streets and Stronger Communities Act, 2025 – Schedule 8; Introduction of New Proposed Measures Respecting Premises with Illegal Drug Activity Act, 2025’; be received for information, and further, that the Police Services Board approve the report and recommendation as provided by Chief Roskamp to forward the report to the St. Thomas City Manager, Director of St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services and St. Thomas City Council for informational purposes.

Carried.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Moved By: L. Coates
Seconded By: J. Preston

THAT: The Police Services Board receive and file the following correspondence items:

- Hometown St. Thomas | June 2025
 - Unsung Hero Award: St. Thomas Partnership is Leading the Way
- City Scope | June 2025
 - The Return of School Resource Officers – It’s Important for Youth to Connect with Police Officers as People
- CBC | June 9, 2025
 - Local Police Services Welcome Province’s Decision to Return Cops to Schools

Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Moved By: R. Gibson

Seconded By: L. Coates

THAT: The Police Services Board approve the request of donation for the 2025 Crime Stoppers Annual Golf Tournament event in the amount of \$250.00.

Carried.

MOVE TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved By: R. Gibson

Seconded By: J. Preston

THAT: The Police Services Board move to closed session to discuss subject matter as outlined in the CSPA section 44(2).

Carried.

ACTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved By: J. Preston

Seconded By: R. Gibson

THAT: We adopt the actions of the Committee of the Whole.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved By: L. Coates

Seconded By: R. Gibson

THAT: We do now adjourn at 9:45 a.m.

Carried.

Dan Reith
Police Services Board Chair

YTD Budget vs. Actual

Years

2025

Months

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Department

20 Police Services

Refreshed: Sep 12, 2025

Sub-Department	Program	Rev/Exp	Account	Description	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	Yearly Budget	
20 Police Services Board	100 General	Expense	1-20-20-100-3011	Reg Part-time Salaries & Wages	4,624	6,864	2,240	9,152	
			1-20-20-100-3120	Statutory Benefits	309	443	134	590	
			1-20-20-100-4005	Receptions & Public Relations	4,603	3,750	(853)	5,000	
			1-20-20-100-4040	Legal Fees & Expenses	1,959	1,500	(459)	2,000	
		Expense Total				11,496	12,557	1,061	16,742
20 Police Services Board Total					11,496	12,557	1,061	16,742	
21 Police Services	100 General	Revenue	1-20-21-100-2240	OPC Recoveries	(662,198)	(945,470)	(283,272)	(1,260,627)	
			1-20-21-100-2252	RCMP Prints Recovery	(3,469)	7,500	10,969	10,000	
			1-20-21-100-2255	Paid Duty Recovery	(7,016)	(30,000)	(22,984)	(40,000)	
			1-20-21-100-2500	Donations	(2,000)	0	2,000	0	
			1-20-21-100-2510	Police Recoveries	(50,734)	(63,750)	(13,016)	(85,000)	
		Revenue Total				(725,417)	(1,031,720)	(306,303)	(1,375,627)
		Expense	1-20-21-100-3010	Reg Full-time Salaries & Wages	8,704,301	10,724,943	2,020,642	14,299,924	
			1-20-21-100-3011	Reg Part-time Salaries & Wages	27,963	33,237	5,274	44,316	
			1-20-21-100-3012	Paid Duty Wages	27,488	7,500	(19,988)	10,000	
			1-20-21-100-3039	Premium overtime/Standby	1,385	42,975	41,590	57,300	
			1-20-21-100-3090	Overtime	115,756	225,000	109,244	300,000	
			1-20-21-100-3091	Statutory Holiday Pay	4,764	72,000	67,236	96,000	
			1-20-21-100-3120	Statutory Benefits	791,535	989,168	197,632	1,318,890	
			1-20-21-100-3130	Employer Benefits	1,210,861	1,428,685	217,823	1,904,913	
			1-20-21-100-3135	OMERS	1,016,367	1,098,894	82,527	1,465,192	
			1-20-21-100-3210	Car Allowance	13,583	9,000	(4,583)	12,000	
			1-20-21-100-3211	Clothing/Uniform Allowance	26,265	20,025	(6,240)	26,700	
			1-20-21-100-4005	Public Relations	9,923	9,750	(173)	13,000	
			1-20-21-100-4020	Tuition Reimbursement	0	3,750	3,750	5,000	
			1-20-21-100-4023	Association Membership Fees	5,925	3,750	(2,175)	5,000	
			1-20-21-100-4024	Employee Assistance Program	4,642	3,075	(1,567)	4,100	
			1-20-21-100-4027	Training	137,695	131,250	(6,445)	175,000	

21 Police Services	100 General	Expense	1-20-21-100-4036	Member Wellness	38,362	52,500	14,138	70,000
			1-20-21-100-4040	Legal Fees & Expenses	4,663	3,750	(913)	5,000
			1-20-21-100-4051	Advertising, Marketing & Prom.	1,947	6,000	4,053	8,000
			1-20-21-100-4057	Forensic Analyst	14,708	9,000	(5,708)	12,000
			1-20-21-100-4089	RCMP Prints Expense	4,316	3,750	(566)	5,000
			1-20-21-100-4147	Operating Equip. Maint/Repair	0	2,250	2,250	3,000
			1-20-21-100-4168	OPTIC	67,113	90,000	22,887	120,000
			1-20-21-100-4170	Downtown Satellite Office	12,822	15,000	2,178	20,000
			1-20-21-100-4176	Operating Equipment Rent/Lease	5,458	9,000	3,542	12,000
			1-20-21-100-4240	Telephone/Fax Services	56,676	45,000	(11,676)	60,000
			1-20-21-100-4257	Regular Postage	0	1,125	1,125	1,500
			1-20-21-100-4259	Courier	4,195	3,750	(445)	5,000
			1-20-21-100-4272	Printing	4,146	4,500	354	6,000
			1-20-21-100-4503	Pipes & Drum Band	5,948	3,750	(2,198)	5,000
			1-20-21-100-4504	CCTV Surveillance Systems	5,754	3,750	(2,003)	5,000
			1-20-21-100-4700	Service Charges	769	0	(769)	0
			1-20-21-100-5010	General Supplies	22,977	33,750	10,773	45,000
			1-20-21-100-5011	Office Supplies	3,846	7,500	3,654	10,000
			1-20-21-100-5040	Safety Supplies	4,227	3,750	(477)	5,000
			1-20-21-100-5041	Body Amour	4,534	3,750	(784)	5,000
			1-20-21-100-5045	Uniforms/Supplies	87,876	60,000	(27,876)	80,000
			1-20-21-100-5060	Major Crime Expenses	16,281	11,250	(5,031)	15,000
			1-20-21-100-5061	Forensic Identification Supplies	6,182	7,500	1,318	10,000
			1-20-21-100-5062	Canine Unit Supplies	35,023	30,000	(5,023)	40,000
			1-20-21-100-5063	Critical Incident Response Team	45,140	33,750	(11,390)	45,000
			1-20-21-100-5071	Office Furniture Purchases	1,570	3,750	2,180	5,000
			1-20-21-100-5073	Equipment Purchases - Axon	114,482	90,000	(24,482)	120,000
			1-20-21-100-5075	Equipment Maint/Repair Supply	37,152	26,250	(10,902)	35,000
			1-20-21-100-5510	Books & Subscriptions	1,436	750	(686)	1,000
			1-20-21-100-5580	IT Systems	161,296	131,250	(30,046)	175,000
			1-20-21-100-5700	Vehicle Purchases	140,629	131,250	(9,380)	175,000
			1-20-21-100-7011	Transfer to/from Police Reserve	(200,000)	(200,000)	0	(200,000)
			1-20-21-100-7700	Expenditures from Police Reserve	2,386	0	(2,386)	0
Expense Total					12,810,367	15,430,627	2,620,260	20,640,835
210 RIDE		Revenue	1-20-21-210-2035	RIDE Grant	0	(11,250)	(11,250)	(15,000)
Revenue Total					0	(11,250)	(11,250)	(15,000)

21 Police Services**211 CSP - Local**

Revenue	1-20-21-211-2035	CSP Grant - Local Priorities	26,231	(319,673)	(345,904)	(426,231)
Revenue Total			26,231	(319,673)	(345,904)	(426,231)

Expense	1-20-21-211-5012	CSP Expenditures - Local Priorities	21,660	0	(21,660)	0
Expense Total			21,660	0	(21,660)	0

212 CSP - Provincial

Revenue	1-20-21-212-2035	CSP Grant - Prov Priorities	(23,114)	(426,171)	(403,057)	(568,228)
Revenue Total			(23,114)	(426,171)	(403,057)	(568,228)

Expense	1-20-21-212-5012	CSP Expenditures -Prov. Priorities	37,523	0	(37,523)	0
Expense Total			37,523	0	(37,523)	0

213 Dispatching

Revenue	1-20-21-213-2075	Aylmer Police Dispatching Revenue	(67,711)	(78,750)	(11,039)	(105,000)
Revenue Total			(67,711)	(78,750)	(11,039)	(105,000)

215 Victim Support

Revenue	1-20-21-215-2035	Victim Support Grant	0	(93,750)	(93,750)	(125,000)
Revenue Total			0	(93,750)	(93,750)	(125,000)

Expense	1-20-21-215-5012	VSG Expenditures	0	93,750	93,750	125,000
Expense Total			0	93,750	93,750	125,000

217 CCTV

Revenue	1-20-21-217-2080	CCTV Grants	(22,200)	0	22,200	0
Revenue Total			(22,200)	0	22,200	0

218 CISO

Revenue	1-20-21-218-2035	CISO Membership Grant	(7,669)	(6,000)	1,669	(8,000)
Revenue Total			(7,669)	(6,000)	1,669	(8,000)

Expense	1-20-21-218-5012	CISO Membership Grant Expenditures	7,477	0	(7,477)	0
Expense Total			7,477	0	(7,477)	0

220 NG911

Revenue	1-20-21-220-2035	NG911 Special Project Grant	(894,884)	(1,099,547)	(204,663)	(1,466,063)
Revenue Total			(894,884)	(1,099,547)	(204,663)	(1,466,063)

Expense	1-20-21-220-5012	NG911 Special Project Expenditures	912,047	600,000	(312,047)	800,000
Expense Total			912,047	600,000	(312,047)	800,000

221 MCRT

Revenue	1-20-21-221-2035	MCRT Grant	(59,519)	(59,519)	(0)	(79,359)
Revenue Total			(59,519)	(59,519)	(0)	(79,359)

21 Police Services	221 MCRT	Expense	1-20-21-221-5012	MCRT Expenditures	70,300	0	(70,300)	0
		Expense Total			70,300	0	(70,300)	0
	222 PAT	Revenue	1-20-21-222-2035	PAT Grant	(75,000)	(202,531)	(127,531)	(270,042)
		Revenue Total			(75,000)	(202,531)	(127,531)	(270,042)
		Expense	1-20-21-222-5012	PAT Expenditures	12,201	0	(12,201)	0
		Expense Total			12,201	0	(12,201)	0
	223 BCWA	Revenue	1-20-21-223-2035	BCWA Grant	(67,000)	(350,339)	(283,339)	(467,118)
		Revenue Total			(67,000)	(350,339)	(283,339)	(467,118)
		Expense	1-20-21-223-5012	BCWA Expenditures	86,923	0	(86,923)	0
		Expense Total			86,923	0	(86,923)	0
	800 Building	Expense	1-20-21-800-4063	Garbage Collection	1,388	5,250	3,862	7,000
			1-20-21-800-4075	Service Contracts	25,519	26,250	731	35,000
			1-20-21-800-4120	Janitorial Services	70,597	63,750	(6,848)	85,000
			1-20-21-800-4141	Contracted Building Maintenance	52,939	41,250	(11,689)	55,000
			1-20-21-800-4147	Operating Equip. Maint/Repair	3,228	7,500	4,272	10,000
			1-20-21-800-5020	Building Maintenance Supplies	5,323	3,750	(1,573)	5,000
			1-20-21-800-5410	Electricity (Hydro)	40,919	48,750	7,831	65,000
			1-20-21-800-5415	Utilities - Water/Sewer	4,252	11,250	6,998	15,000
			1-20-21-800-5421	Natural gas	3,794	15,000	11,206	20,000
		Expense Total			207,959	222,750	14,791	297,000
21 Police Services Total				12,250,173	12,667,876	417,703	16,957,167	
22 PS Fleet	900 Vehicles	Expense	1-20-22-900-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	27,784	188,250	160,466	251,000
		Expense Total			27,784	188,250	160,466	251,000
	901 Vehicle 1	Expense	1-20-22-901-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	7,758	0	(7,758)	0
			1-20-22-901-5435	Gasoline - Operating	5,571	0	(5,571)	0
		Expense Total			13,329	0	(13,329)	0
	902 Vehicle 2	Expense	1-20-22-902-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	5,857	0	(5,857)	0
			1-20-22-902-5435	Gasoline - Operating	8,814	0	(8,814)	0

22 PS Fleet	902 Vehicle 2	Expense Total		14,671	0	(14,671)	0	
	903 Vehicle 3	Expense	1-20-22-903-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	384	0	(384)	0
			1-20-22-903-5435	Gasoline - Operating	411	0	(411)	0
		Expense Total		796	0	(796)	0	
	904 Vehicle 4	Expense	1-20-22-904-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	701	0	(701)	0
			1-20-22-904-5435	Gasoline - Operating	1,186	0	(1,186)	0
		Expense Total		1,887	0	(1,887)	0	
	905 Vehicle 5	Expense	1-20-22-905-5435	Gasoline - Operating	129	0	(129)	0
		Expense Total		129	0	(129)	0	
	906 Vehicle 6	Expense	1-20-22-906-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	7,411	0	(7,411)	0
			1-20-22-906-5435	Gasoline - Operating	11,917	0	(11,917)	0
		Expense Total		19,328	0	(19,328)	0	
	907 Vehicle 7	Expense	1-20-22-907-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	9,432	0	(9,432)	0
			1-20-22-907-5435	Gasoline - Operating	11,468	0	(11,468)	0
		Expense Total		20,901	0	(20,901)	0	
	908 Vehicle 8	Expense	1-20-22-908-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	15,506	0	(15,506)	0
			1-20-22-908-5435	Gasoline - Operating	10,062	0	(10,062)	0
		Expense Total		25,568	0	(25,568)	0	
	910 Vehicle 10	Expense	1-20-22-910-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	1,973	0	(1,973)	0
			1-20-22-910-5435	Gasoline - Operating	4,197	0	(4,197)	0
		Expense Total		6,170	0	(6,170)	0	
	911 Vehicle 11	Expense	1-20-22-911-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	499	0	(499)	0
			1-20-22-911-5435	Gasoline - Operating	1,156	0	(1,156)	0
		Expense Total		1,655	0	(1,655)	0	
	912 Vehicle 12	Expense	1-20-22-912-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	283	0	(283)	0
			1-20-22-912-5435	Gasoline - Operating	4,257	0	(4,257)	0
		Expense Total		4,540	0	(4,540)	0	
	914 Vehicle 14	Expense	1-20-22-914-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	4,563	0	(4,563)	0

22 PS Fleet	914 Vehicle 14	Expense	1-20-22-914-5435	Gasoline - Operating	8,487	0	(8,487)	0
		Expense Total			13,050	0	(13,050)	0
	915 Vehicle 15	Expense	1-20-22-915-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	1,322	0	(1,322)	0
			1-20-22-915-5435	Gasoline - Operating	802	0	(802)	0
		Expense Total			2,124	0	(2,124)	0
	916 Vehicle 16	Expense	1-20-22-916-5435	Gasoline - Operating	142	0	(142)	0
		Expense Total			142	0	(142)	0
	917 Vehicle 17	Expense	1-20-22-917-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	620	0	(620)	0
			1-20-22-917-5435	Gasoline - Operating	556	0	(556)	0
		Expense Total			1,177	0	(1,177)	0
	918 Vehicle 18	Expense	1-20-22-918-5435	Gasoline - Operating	685	0	(685)	0
		Expense Total			685	0	(685)	0
	919 Vehicle 19	Expense	1-20-22-919-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	225	0	(225)	0
			1-20-22-919-5435	Gasoline - Operating	881	0	(881)	0
		Expense Total			1,107	0	(1,107)	0
	920 Vehicle 20	Expense	1-20-22-920-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	102	0	(102)	0
			1-20-22-920-5435	Gasoline - Operating	637	0	(637)	0
		Expense Total			739	0	(739)	0
	921	Expense	1-20-22-921-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	4,490	0	(4,490)	0
			1-20-22-921-5435	Gasoline - Operating	7,685	0	(7,685)	0
		Expense Total			12,175	0	(12,175)	0
	922	Expense	1-20-22-922-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	758	0	(758)	0
			1-20-22-922-5435	Gasoline - Operating	1,497	0	(1,497)	0
		Expense Total			2,255	0	(2,255)	0
	923	Expense	1-20-22-923-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	76	0	(76)	0
			1-20-22-923-5435	Gasoline - Operating	1,058	0	(1,058)	0
		Expense Total			1,134	0	(1,134)	0
	936 Vehicle 36	Expense	1-20-22-936-5435	Gasoline - Operating	287	0	(287)	0

22 PS Fleet	936 Vehicle 36	Expense Total		287	0	(287)	0	
	942 Vehicle 42	Expense	1-20-22-942-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	1,064	0	(1,064)	0
			1-20-22-942-5435	Gasoline - Operating	374	0	(374)	0
		Expense Total		1,438	0	(1,438)	0	
	946 Vehicle 46	Expense	1-20-22-946-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	1,853	0	(1,853)	0
		Expense Total		1,853	0	(1,853)	0	
	947 Vehicle 47	Expense	1-20-22-947-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	97	0	(97)	0
			1-20-22-947-5435	Gasoline - Operating	953	0	(953)	0
		Expense Total		1,050	0	(1,050)	0	
	951 Vehicle 51	Expense	1-20-22-951-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	2,005	0	(2,005)	0
			1-20-22-951-5435	Gasoline - Operating	8,517	0	(8,517)	0
		Expense Total		10,522	0	(10,522)	0	
	952 Vehicle 52	Expense	1-20-22-952-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	60	0	(60)	0
			1-20-22-952-5435	Gasoline - Operating	127	0	(127)	0
		Expense Total		187	0	(187)	0	
	956 Vehicle 56	Expense	1-20-22-956-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	331	0	(331)	0
			1-20-22-956-5435	Gasoline - Operating	294	0	(294)	0
		Expense Total		625	0	(625)	0	
	958 Vehicle 58	Expense	1-20-22-958-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	(25)	0	25	0
Expense Total		(25)	0	25	0			
960 Vehicle 60	Expense	1-20-22-960-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	68	0	(68)	0	
		1-20-22-960-5435	Gasoline - Operating	1,179	0	(1,179)	0	
	Expense Total		1,247	0	(1,247)	0		
961 Vehicle 61	Expense	1-20-22-961-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	6,466	0	(6,466)	0	
		1-20-22-961-5435	Gasoline - Operating	4,846	0	(4,846)	0	
	Expense Total		11,313	0	(11,313)	0		
962 Vehicle 62	Expense	1-20-22-962-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	3,511	0	(3,511)	0	
		1-20-22-962-5435	Gasoline - Operating	5,063	0	(5,063)	0	

22 PS Fleet	962 Vehicle 62	Expense Total		8,574	0	(8,574)	0	
	964 Vehicle 64	Expense	1-20-22-964-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	700	0	(700)	0
			1-20-22-964-5435	Gasoline - Operating	2,361	0	(2,361)	0
		Expense Total		3,061	0	(3,061)	0	
	966 Vehicle 66	Expense	1-20-22-966-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	179	0	(179)	0
			1-20-22-966-5435	Gasoline - Operating	541	0	(541)	0
		Expense Total		720	0	(720)	0	
	967 Vehicle 67	Expense	1-20-22-967-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	161	0	(161)	0
			1-20-22-967-5435	Gasoline - Operating	593	0	(593)	0
		Expense Total		754	0	(754)	0	
	22 PS Fleet Total				212,951	188,250	(24,700)	251,000
23 PS Courthouse	100 General	Revenue	1-20-23-100-2035	CSPT Court Security Prisoner Trans. Grant	(343,477)	(558,335)	(214,858)	(744,446)
			1-20-23-100-2510	Courthouse Recoveries	(23,448)	(45,000)	(21,552)	(60,000)
		Revenue Total		(366,924)	(603,335)	(236,410)	(804,446)	
		Expense	1-20-23-100-3010	Reg Full-time Salaries & Wages	325,016	477,902	152,886	637,203
			1-20-23-100-3011	Reg Part-time Salaries & Wages	242,244	238,168	(4,076)	317,557
			1-20-23-100-3090	Overtime	2,670	3,750	1,080	5,000
			1-20-23-100-3120	Statutory Benefits	56,500	44,249	(12,251)	58,999
			1-20-23-100-3130	Employer Benefits	55,824	62,302	6,477	83,069
			1-20-23-100-3135	OMERS	46,118	64,843	18,725	86,457
			1-20-23-100-4024	Employee Assistance Program	0	375	375	500
			1-20-23-100-4027	Police College Training	0	375	375	500
			1-20-23-100-4168	OPTIC	10,176	7,500	(2,676)	10,000
			1-20-23-100-4176	Operating Equipment Rent/Lease	4,064	1,500	(2,564)	2,000
			1-20-23-100-4240	Telephone/Fax Services	13,297	15,000	1,703	20,000
			1-20-23-100-4272	Printing	2,425	1,500	(925)	2,000
			1-20-23-100-5010	General Supplies	9,477	3,750	(5,727)	5,000
			1-20-23-100-5011	Office Supplies	1,590	1,875	285	2,500
			1-20-23-100-5040	Safety Supplies	1,819	1,500	(319)	2,000
			1-20-23-100-5045	Uniforms/Supplies	945	3,750	2,805	5,000
			1-20-23-100-5071	Office Furniture Purchases	0	750	750	1,000
			1-20-23-100-5075	Equipment	1,007	1,500	493	2,000

23 PS Courthouse	100 General	Expense	1-20-23-100-5510	Books & Subscriptions	554	0	(554)	0	
			1-20-23-100-5580	IT Systems	338	3,750	3,412	5,000	
		Expense Total			774,065	934,339	160,274	1,245,785	
23 PS Courthouse Total					407,141	331,005	(76,136)	441,339	
24 PS Courthouse Fleet	100 General	Expense	1-20-24-100-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	0	6,000	6,000	8,000	
		Expense Total			0	6,000	6,000	8,000	
	946 Vehicle 46	Expense	1-20-24-946-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	291	0	(291)	0	
			1-20-24-946-5435	Gasoline - Operating	1,806	0	(1,806)	0	
		Expense Total			2,097	0	(2,097)	0	
	963 Vehicle 63	Expense	1-20-24-963-5435	Gasoline - Operating	392	0	(392)	0	
		Expense Total			392	0	(392)	0	
	24 PS Courthouse Fleet Total					2,489	6,000	3,511	8,000
	Grand Total					12,884,249	13,205,687	321,438	17,674,249



Police Services Board Meeting

Constable Colin McGregor Building
REPORT

DIRECTED TO:	<u>St. Thomas Police Services Board</u>
PREPARED BY:	<u>Chief M. Roskamp</u>
SUBJECT:	<u>Operational Budget Update – 2024 Year-End - FINAL</u>
MEETING DATE:	<u>July 3, 2025</u>
REPORT #	<u>CHIEF-2025-25</u>
REPORT TITLE:	<u>Operational Budget Update – 2024 Year-End - FINAL</u>

Recommendation:

That: Report #CHIEF-2025-25; Operational Budget Update – 2024 Year-End Final; be received for information, and further, that the Police Services Board approve the report and recommendation as provided by Chief Roskamp to forward this report and Report #CHIEF-2025-04 to the St. Thomas City Manager, and St. Thomas City Council for informational purposes.

Background:

As a regular order of business at the 2024 and 2025 Police Services Board meetings, the 2024 STPS Budget and the unanticipated financial and operational pressures have been discussed. As outlined in Report #CHIEF-2025-04, a 2024 Budget deficit was expected.

On July 3, 2025, Dan Sheridan, Director of Corporate Services / City Treasurer, finalized the 2024 STPS Budget, noting a deficit of \$1,535,714.

Analysis:

As outlined in Report #CHIEF-2025-04, as presented to the PSB on January 22, 2025, the 2024 Budget deficit can be primarily attributed to the rapid and sustained growth experienced within the St. Thomas community and the unexpected critical staffing and operational requirements experienced in 2024.

As the community continues to grow, so too has the complexity and volume of public safety needs. In response, the STPS has faced unprecedented operational pressures to maintain community safety and public order. These pressures reached critical levels in 2024, particularly in the areas of front-line service delivery, specialized investigative and Communications Centre supports, necessitating staffing and resource enhancements.

Importantly, operational adjustments were not discretionary but rather essential to ensure the STPS could meet the adequacy and effectiveness standards mandated by the Ministry of the Solicitor General under the Community Safety and Policing Act. These standards require specific staffing, response capabilities, and service delivery benchmarks, all of which must be upheld.

The unanticipated nature of this demand, coupled with the urgency to address critical staffing gaps, has led to increased expenditures beyond what was originally forecasted. While these investments have been necessary to protect community well-being and comply with provincial mandates, they have contributed directly to the present budgetary shortfall.

Efforts are continually underway to evaluate long-term funding strategies, and advocate for provincial supports in order to sustainably manage public safety needs in the context of a growing and evolving community.

Despite the increased requirements for policing, the STPS has posted major reductions in crime and disorder in 2024 as follows:

- 14% overall decrease in calls for service in the downtown core
- 44% decrease in unwanted persons calls in the downtown core
- 67% decrease in drug / addictions related calls in the downtown core
- 20.09% reduction in non-violent crime severity
- 13.57% reduction in overall crime severity

Financial Impact

The budget deficit for 2024 is largely the result of an anomalous surge in public safety pressures that emerged unexpectedly over the course of the year. Driven by a thriving community and therefore an increased complexity in community policing needs. The City of St. Thomas experienced an exceptional rise in demand for policing services in 2024. Since 2022, the STPS has experienced a 12% increase in calls for service requiring police attention. The violent crime severity has risen 7.6%, which has been our priority focus for daily deployment strategies.

These unprecedented demands placed acute operational pressures on the St. Thomas Police Service (STPS), particularly with respect to staffing levels, response capacity, and compliance with provincially mandated adequacy and effectiveness standards. In order to continue delivering core policing services and maintain public safety, the STPS was required to respond swiftly with critical adjustments to its workforce and operational resources.

The finalized 2024 police budget reflects the actual cost of providing policing services under these unique and pressing conditions. While the circumstances were exceptional, the investments made were essential to safeguard the well-being of the community and to meet the Ministry's regulatory expectations. The STPS Police Services Board and the City of St. Thomas Council have been extremely supportive and mindful of these new pressures that have naturally manifested in our City, marking Public Safety as a top strategic priority. We are thankful for this priority acknowledgement and alignment to keep residents of St. Thomas safe.

Moving forward, the STPS Executive Leadership Team remains committed to budget forecasting and will continue to work closely with the STPS Police Services Board and City Treasury to plan and manage the evolving public safety needs in a sustainable and fiscally responsible manner. Traditional perspectives on the police budget are shifting. Community support for the STPS is uniquely high and meeting resident expectations for safety, security and well-being is our top-priority. As we know, the STPS remains one of the most cost effective small to mid-sized police service in Ontario in comparison to similar sized cities, by millions of dollars. Our cost per capita ratio remains the leanest and our operational innovation and effectiveness remains the envy of even larger police services. Budget sustainability is imperative to manage costs and to manage risks. Investing in the future and responding to community well-being shifts with clarity and effectiveness will be our path forward.

Respectfully,



Marc Roskamp
Chief of Police



Police Services Board Meeting

Constable Colin McGregor Building
REPORT

DIRECTED TO: St. Thomas Police Services Board

PREPARED BY: Chief M. Roskamp

SUBJECT: Operational Budget Update – Unfinalized 2024 Year-End

MEETING DATE: January 22, 2025

REPORT # CHIEF-2025-04

REPORT TITLE: Operational Budget Update – Unfinalized 2024 Year-End

Recommendation:

That: Report #CHIEF-2025-04; Operational Budget Update – Unfinalized 2024 Year-End, be received for information, and further, that the Police Services Board approve the report as prepared by Chief Roskamp.

Background:

The 2024 STPS Operational Budget is comprised of four separate budgets; (1) Police Services Board Budget; (2) General Operations; (3) Building Budget; (4) Court Budget. The total combined 2024 STPS Operational Budget was approved at \$15,789,777.

The St. Thomas Police Service is the recipient of numerous Provincial Grants Programs that provide revenue streams in the following areas; OPC Secondment Program, RIDE Program, Community Safety and Policing Grants (local and provincial streams), Victim Support Grant, Criminal Intelligence Services of Ontario Funding, NG911 Funding, Mobile Crisis and Response Team Funding, Provincial Auto-Theft Grant, Bail Compliance Warrant Apprehension Grant and the Court Security Prisoner Transportation Funding Program. These revenue streams totaled a combined \$4,626,471 in 2024 and were subject to a competitive application process, for which, STPS Executive Leadership Team members have successfully become very adept at writing and securing to improve the capabilities and services that can be provided to the community. These revenue streams are not a guarantee and require annual/bi-annual re-submission requests to the Ministry.

The 2024 STPS Operational Budget was carefully designed to account for the *expected expenses* that would be incurred in the year 2024 for 81 sworn members / 47 civilians (salary and benefits) and the required goods and services to operate the police service for a community population projected at 45,000.

Analysis

Unexpected expenses can occur in any given year when meeting the obligations of adequate and effective police service delivery. A number of factors in 2024 presented as financial pressures, including costs related

to major-crime investigations, critical-role staffing coverages, professional standards/legal matters, fleet vehicle repairs, and inflationary impacts for general goods and services.

Of note, in 2024, we experienced a 3% increase in incidents that required additional police resources and response strategies. As you know, this trend has been occurring consistently since 2021 with the rapid growth we have seen in St. Thomas. We view this unprecedented growth as a remarkable positive, however, we must accept that these influxes do pose a strain on local infrastructure and services. There is no indication that these growth pressures will decrease in the years ahead. With this growth, we have experienced a number of new types of crimes and social disorder issues that we have found ourselves directly involved with. By in large, the STPS has quickly established collaborative and innovative approaches that are working well and are now being mirrored throughout the Province.

As previously reported, we have been experiencing a 7.6% increase in our Violent Crime Severity Index. This statistic has been a main focus of our deployment, resource allocations and assignments. These pressures have been noted, discussed and strategically addressed by the Executive Leadership Team and the Police Services Board throughout 2024. Strategic planning in the moment and for the future has been a consistent priority to ensure a safe community through the delivery of adequate and effective police services as defined in the Community Safety and Policing Act.

Throughout 2024, Deputy Chief Barnes was tasked to report and inform the Board on matters related to overtime costs. In September 2024, a report was presented to the Board on 2024 overtime cost actuals and projections. The report reflected a 56% increase in overtime/callback costs related to major crime investigations and critical role staffing coverage to account for community demands for police.

In the second half of 2024, the STPS investigated two homicides (July 3; Dec 12). It is extremely rare for St. Thomas to experience multiple major crime investigations of this nature in the same year. Without hesitation, our officers relentlessly pursued justice for the respective victims and their families. I am pleased to confirm, that when called upon, our men and women have the capabilities and resources to successfully investigate and hold offenders accountable for such heinous crimes. These matters now remain before the courts and our work continues to support a coordinated prosecution. *These major case investigations present unexpected costs, both human and financial, to effectively deploy investigative teams to bring these matters to charges. These two murder investigations have impacted the 2024 Operational Budget with additional resourcing costs.

Additionally, as mentioned, throughout 2024, the STPS experienced increased call volumes which presented as pressures in the Communications Centre. Over 65,000 calls were received, which required 23,300 police officer responses for STPS personnel. Of those calls, 17,000 were classified as emergency 911 matters and the rest were managed as non-emergency. Our Communicators provided call-answer and dispatch services for 4,000 matters requiring police officer responses for Aylmer Police Service personnel. Our Communicators answered and transferred 7,000 calls to Ambulance, and 5000 calls to the St. Thomas Fire Department.

*These increased call volumes presented critical role staffing challenges in the Communications Centre. As discussed at the Board level throughout 2024, we actioned additional shift coverage for approximately 8 months to account for the new demands of our community. We were able to address the shortages with new hires, fully trained by September 2024. These staffing challenges have impacted the 2024 Operational Budget with additional resourcing costs. There are legislative and regulatory obligations for every police service to manage call volumes in definitive time frames. The Inspectorate of Policing has signaled their intentions to commence an audit of all Ontario police services' abilities to manage, answer and respond to community call volumes in reasonable time frames and with appropriate service levels.

In 2024, we experienced an anomalous year with unexpected repairs to our fleet of vehicles, both engine/mechanical and collision related. We are monitoring this for any future trends. These challenges have impacted the 2024 Operational Budget with additional costs.

In 2024, our ongoing legal matters progressed with some files resolving and others remaining active. These professional standards matters have impacted the 2024 Operational Budget with additional costs.

In 2024, we experienced an increase in court appearances and therefore court security and prisoner transportation needs increased. Police Services are obligated by legislation to provide these services for any premises where court proceedings occur in their jurisdiction. These increases have impacted the 2024 Operational Budget with additional costs.

In 2024, the STPS also experienced an increase in costs related to goods and services, in part related to inflation and particularly related to required equipment and the new Community Safety and Policing Act standards.

On a positive note, the **Police Services Board Budget** is expected to nearly balance at year-end and the **Building Budget** is expected to be in a surplus at year-end.

The **Courts Budget** is expected to reach a deficit value as a result of the unexpected court appearance pressures that our police service responded to in 2024 that increased expenses as outlined.

The **General Operations Budget** is expected to reach a deficit value as a result of the unexpected pressures that our police service responded to in 2024 that increased expenses as outlined.

Grants | Revenue

A major contributing factor to budget deficit situations, is the manner in which revenue streams are received and how related expenses are reported. Provincial Funding streams are received on the fiscal cycle of April 1 – March 31. This cycle differs from the Municipal Budget cycle of January 1 – December 31. Each year, this presents as a challenge as accruals are required to account for the remainder of the fiscal reporting period that extends beyond the city budget cycle. Each year, this is proving to reflect negatively in the STPS Operational Budget but can be easily explained. *In addition, there are confirmed instances in 2024 where grant funding/revenue streams were less than expected, which reflects negatively in the budget.

Although we work closely with City Treasury in managing accounts payable, the STPS Budget is itemized by the Board (per legislation), which is the sole responsibility of the Police Service to expense. Despite this, the accounting and daily entry management of the police budgets remain in the hands of City Treasury staff and out of our daily control. We receive monthly updates and often request accounting adjustments that reflect our intentions for expenses and specific account lines. City Treasury staff do a great job with limited staff.

At the time of this report, there is an estimated \$535,000 in provincial revenues outstanding that is yet to be received. A newly approved 2024-25 NG911 funding stream will also be received valuing over \$1M, of which, some funds will remain in 2024's budget to account for expenses already purchased. I have confirmation that these monies will be received in January 2025 and can therefore be posted to the 2024 Operational Budget as expected. In recent days, we have met with the City's Finance Manager to adjust and accrue grants where applicable from 2024 to 2025, and to discuss operational overruns due to the pressures noted in this report. Consultation with City Treasury has been and will continue to be a consistent approach for all budgetary matters. Future planning is underway to reshape the STPS budget ledger for more simplistic grant reviews.

Financial Impact

The year-end 2024 Operational Budget is anticipated to be finalized by City Treasury and auditors in the coming weeks. A deficit value is expected.

Respectfully,



Marc Roskamp
Chief of Police

YTD Budget vs. Actual

Years

2024

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Department

20 Police Services

Validated Up To: Dec 31, 2024

Refreshed: Jul 03, 2025

Sub-Department	Program	Rev/Exp	Account	Description	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	Yearly Budget	
20 Police Services Board	100 General	Expense	1-20-20-100-3011	Reg Part-time Salaries & Wages	10,413	9,152	(1,261)	9,152	
			1-20-20-100-3120	Statutory Benefits	753	590	(163)	590	
			1-20-20-100-4005	Receptions & Public Relations	5,672	3,000	(2,672)	3,000	
			1-20-20-100-4040	Legal Fees & Expenses	3,297	2,000	(1,297)	2,000	
		Expense Total				20,136	14,742	(5,394)	14,742
20 Police Services Board Total					20,136	14,742	(5,394)	14,742	
21 Police Services	100 General	Revenue	1-20-21-100-2240	OPC Recoveries	(1,182,604)	(1,026,552)	156,052	(1,026,552)	
			1-20-21-100-2252	RCMP Prints Recovery	(2,570)	(4,000)	(1,430)	(4,000)	
			1-20-21-100-2255	Paid Duty Recovery	(20,076)	(20,000)	76	(20,000)	
			1-20-21-100-2510	Police Recoveries	(55,414)	(75,000)	(19,586)	(75,000)	
		Revenue Total				(1,260,664)	(1,125,552)	135,112	(1,125,552)
		Expense	1-20-21-100-3010	Reg Full-time Salaries & Wages	13,057,342	12,673,302	(384,040)	12,673,302	
			1-20-21-100-3011	Reg Part-time Salaries & Wages	(80,735)	46,587	127,322	46,587	
			1-20-21-100-3012	Paid Duty Wages	117,217	10,000	(107,217)	10,000	
			1-20-21-100-3039	Premium overtime/Standby	31,040	35,350	4,310	35,350	
			1-20-21-100-3090	Overtime	315,934	250,000	(65,934)	250,000	
			1-20-21-100-3091	Statutory Holiday Pay	109,964	98,000	(11,964)	98,000	
			1-20-21-100-3120	Statutory Benefits	903,630	902,848	(783)	902,848	
			1-20-21-100-3130	Employer Benefits	1,523,632	1,549,472	25,840	1,549,472	
			1-20-21-100-3135	OMERS	1,417,608	1,456,577	38,969	1,456,577	
			1-20-21-100-3210	Car Allowance	12,000	12,000	0	12,000	
			1-20-21-100-3211	Clothing/Uniform Allowance	26,516	16,600	(9,916)	16,600	
			1-20-21-100-3214	Dry Cleaning Allowance	30	1,200	1,170	1,200	
			1-20-21-100-4005	Public Relations	13,700	13,000	(700)	13,000	
			1-20-21-100-4020	Tuition Reimbursement	5,000	5,000	(0)	5,000	
			1-20-21-100-4023	Association Membership Fees	2,630	5,000	2,370	5,000	
			1-20-21-100-4024	Employee Assistance Program	4,311	5,800	1,489	5,800	
			1-20-21-100-4027	Training	82,472	130,000	47,528	130,000	

21 Police Services	100 General	Expense	1-20-21-100-4036	Member Wellness	15,008	15,000	(8)	15,000
			1-20-21-100-4040	Legal Fees & Expenses	77,468	5,000	(72,468)	5,000
			1-20-21-100-4051	Advertising, Marketing & Prom.	1,834	5,000	3,166	5,000
			1-20-21-100-4057	Forensic Analyst	8,883	10,500	1,617	10,500
			1-20-21-100-4089	RCMP Prints Expense	5,141	5,000	(141)	5,000
			1-20-21-100-4147	Operating Equip. Maint/Repair	9,208	3,000	(6,208)	3,000
			1-20-21-100-4168	OPTIC	132,137	112,000	(20,137)	112,000
			1-20-21-100-4170	Downtown Satellite Office	16,282	20,000	3,718	20,000
			1-20-21-100-4176	Operating Equipment Rent/Lease	19,310	10,000	(9,310)	10,000
			1-20-21-100-4240	Telephone/Fax Services	126,115	60,000	(66,115)	60,000
			1-20-21-100-4257	Regular Postage	688	1,500	812	1,500
			1-20-21-100-4259	Courier	3,112	5,000	1,888	5,000
			1-20-21-100-4272	Printing	3,735	6,000	2,265	6,000
			1-20-21-100-4503	Pipes & Drum Band	4,466	5,000	534	5,000
			1-20-21-100-4504	CCTV Surveillance Systems	6,986	5,000	(1,986)	5,000
			1-20-21-100-4700	Service Charges	(1,100)	0	1,100	0
			1-20-21-100-5010	General Supplies	46,839	30,000	(16,839)	30,000
			1-20-21-100-5011	Office Supplies	10,735	10,000	(735)	10,000
			1-20-21-100-5040	Safety Supplies	9,712	5,000	(4,712)	5,000
			1-20-21-100-5041	Body Armour	16,100	10,000	(6,100)	10,000
			1-20-21-100-5045	Uniforms/Supplies	77,473	65,000	(12,473)	65,000
			1-20-21-100-5060	Major Crime Expenses	23,480	13,000	(10,480)	13,000
			1-20-21-100-5061	Forensic Identification Supplies	11,011	10,000	(1,011)	10,000
			1-20-21-100-5062	Canine Unit Supplies	132,275	5,000	(127,275)	5,000
			1-20-21-100-5063	Critical Incident Response Team	203,905	200,000	(3,905)	200,000
			1-20-21-100-5071	Office Furniture Purchases	6,138	5,000	(1,138)	5,000
			1-20-21-100-5073	Equipment Purchases - Axon	109,318	100,000	(9,318)	100,000
			1-20-21-100-5075	Equipment Maint/Repair Supply	49,989	25,000	(24,989)	25,000
			1-20-21-100-5510	Books & Subscriptions	2,512	1,000	(1,512)	1,000
			1-20-21-100-5580	IT Systems	170,727	175,000	4,273	175,000
			1-20-21-100-5700	Vehicle Purchases	153,978	160,000	6,022	160,000
			1-20-21-100-7011	Transfer to/from Police Reserve	(208,443)	(300,000)	(91,558)	(300,000)
			1-20-21-100-7700	Expenditures from Police Reserve	8,443	0	(8,443)	0
		Expense Total				18,795,757	17,992,736	(803,021)
210 RIDE		Revenue	1-20-21-210-2035	RIDE Grant	(17,300)	(15,000)	2,300	(15,000)
Revenue Total					(17,300)	(15,000)	2,300	(15,000)

21 Police Services**211 CSP - Local**

Revenue	1-20-21-211-2035	CSP Grant - Local Priorities	(262,308)	(262,308)	0	(262,308)
Revenue Total			(262,308)	(262,308)	0	(262,308)

Expense	1-20-21-211-5012	CSP Expenditures - Local Priorities	86,640	0	(86,640)	0
Expense Total			86,640	0	(86,640)	0

212 CSP - Provincial

Revenue	1-20-21-212-2035	CSP Grant - Prov Priorities	(384,932)	(436,021)	(51,089)	(436,021)
Revenue Total			(384,932)	(436,021)	(51,089)	(436,021)

Expense	1-20-21-212-5012	CSP Expenditures -Prov. Priorities	24,059	0	(24,059)	0
Expense Total			24,059	0	(24,059)	0

213 Dispatching

Revenue	1-20-21-213-2075	Aylmer Police Dispatching Revenue	(93,413)	(90,000)	3,413	(90,000)
Revenue Total			(93,413)	(90,000)	3,413	(90,000)

215 Victim Support

Revenue	1-20-21-215-2035	Victim Support Grant	(52,832)	(52,832)	0	(52,832)
Revenue Total			(52,832)	(52,832)	0	(52,832)

Expense	1-20-21-215-5012	VSG Expenditures	35,301	0	(35,301)	0
Expense Total			35,301	0	(35,301)	0

218 CISO

Revenue	1-20-21-218-2031	CISO IFG Grant	(25,000)	0	25,000	0
	1-20-21-218-2035	CISO Membership Grant	(7,669)	(8,000)	(331)	(8,000)
Revenue Total			(32,669)	(8,000)	24,669	(8,000)

Expense	1-20-21-218-5010	CISO IFG Expenditures	22,513	0	(22,513)	0
	1-20-21-218-5012	CISO Membership Grant Expenditures	6,733	0	(6,733)	0
Expense Total			29,246	0	(29,246)	0

220 NG911

Revenue	1-20-21-220-2035	NG911 Special Project Grant	(1,638,014)	(1,159,370)	478,644	(1,159,370)
Revenue Total			(1,638,014)	(1,159,370)	478,644	(1,159,370)

Expense	1-20-21-220-5012	NG911 Special Project Expenditures	1,373,612	900,000	(473,612)	900,000
Expense Total			1,373,612	900,000	(473,612)	900,000

221 MCRT

Revenue	1-20-21-221-2035	MCRT Grant	(91,825)	(92,500)	(675)	(92,500)
Revenue Total			(91,825)	(92,500)	(675)	(92,500)

21 Police Services	221 MCRT	Expense	1-20-21-221-5012	MCRT Expenditures	79,617	0	(79,617)	0
		Expense Total			79,617	0	(79,617)	0
	222 PAT	Revenue	1-20-21-222-2035	PAT Grant	(238,936)	(247,511)	(8,575)	(247,511)
		Revenue Total			(238,936)	(247,511)	(8,575)	(247,511)
		Expense	1-20-21-222-5012	PAT Expenditures	127,474	0	(127,474)	0
		Expense Total			127,474	0	(127,474)	0
	223 BCWA	Revenue	1-20-21-223-2035	BCWA Grant	(414,179)	(502,952)	(88,773)	(502,952)
		Revenue Total			(414,179)	(502,952)	(88,773)	(502,952)
		Expense	1-20-21-223-5012	BCWA Expenditures	137,520	0	(137,520)	0
		Expense Total			137,520	0	(137,520)	0
	800 Building	Expense	1-20-21-800-4063	Garbage Collection	6,947	3,500	(3,447)	3,500
			1-20-21-800-4075	Service Contracts	24,100	35,000	10,900	35,000
			1-20-21-800-4120	Janitorial Services	93,503	85,000	(8,503)	85,000
			1-20-21-800-4141	Contracted Building Maintenance	64,791	45,000	(19,791)	45,000
			1-20-21-800-4147	Operating Equip. Maint/Repair	7,233	6,500	(733)	6,500
			1-20-21-800-5020	Building Maintenance Supplies	8,059	1,000	(7,059)	1,000
			1-20-21-800-5410	Electricity (Hydro)	73,138	80,000	6,862	80,000
			1-20-21-800-5415	Utilities - Water/Sewer	10,898	40,000	29,102	40,000
			1-20-21-800-5421	Natural gas	7,550	10,000	2,450	10,000
		Expense Total			296,219	306,000	9,781	306,000
21 Police Services Total					16,498,372	15,206,690	(1,291,682)	15,206,690
22 PS Fleet	900 Vehicles	Expense	1-20-22-900-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	21,982	230,000	208,018	230,000
		Expense Total			21,982	230,000	208,018	230,000
	901 Vehicle 1	Expense	1-20-22-901-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	11,452	0	(11,452)	0
			1-20-22-901-5435	Gasoline - Operating	11,167	0	(11,167)	0
		Expense Total			22,619	0	(22,619)	0
	902 Vehicle 2	Expense	1-20-22-902-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	10,333	0	(10,333)	0
			1-20-22-902-5435	Gasoline - Operating	15,299	0	(15,299)	0
		Expense Total			25,632	0	(25,632)	0

22 PS Fleet

902 Vehicle 2							
903 Vehicle 3	Expense	1-20-22-903-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	975	0	(975)	0
		1-20-22-903-5435	Gasoline - Operating	1,116	0	(1,116)	0
	Expense Total			2,090	0	(2,090)	0
904 Vehicle 4	Expense	1-20-22-904-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	277	0	(277)	0
		1-20-22-904-5435	Gasoline - Operating	1,645	0	(1,645)	0
	Expense Total			1,922	0	(1,922)	0
905 Vehicle 5	Expense	1-20-22-905-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	87	0	(87)	0
		1-20-22-905-5435	Gasoline - Operating	211	0	(211)	0
	Expense Total			298	0	(298)	0
906 Vehicle 6	Expense	1-20-22-906-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	15,958	0	(15,958)	0
		1-20-22-906-5435	Gasoline - Operating	17,497	0	(17,497)	0
	Expense Total			33,455	0	(33,455)	0
907 Vehicle 7	Expense	1-20-22-907-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	17,585	0	(17,585)	0
		1-20-22-907-5435	Gasoline - Operating	18,915	0	(18,915)	0
	Expense Total			36,500	0	(36,500)	0
908 Vehicle 8	Expense	1-20-22-908-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	9,275	0	(9,275)	0
		1-20-22-908-5435	Gasoline - Operating	18,424	0	(18,424)	0
	Expense Total			27,699	0	(27,699)	0
909 Vehicle 9	Expense	1-20-22-909-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	1,627	0	(1,627)	0
		1-20-22-909-5435	Gasoline - Operating	1,748	0	(1,748)	0
	Expense Total			3,375	0	(3,375)	0
910 Vehicle 10	Expense	1-20-22-910-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	426	0	(426)	0
		1-20-22-910-5435	Gasoline - Operating	4,095	0	(4,095)	0
	Expense Total			4,521	0	(4,521)	0
911 Vehicle 11	Expense	1-20-22-911-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	3,756	0	(3,756)	0
		1-20-22-911-5435	Gasoline - Operating	1,086	0	(1,086)	0
	Expense Total			4,842	0	(4,842)	0
912 Vehicle 12	Expense	1-20-22-912-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	6,350	0	(6,350)	0

22 PS Fleet	912 Vehicle 12	Expense	1-20-22-912-5435	Gasoline - Operating	6,238	0	(6,238)	0
		Expense Total			12,587	0	(12,587)	0
	914 Vehicle 14	Expense	1-20-22-914-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	(20,731)	0	20,731	0
			1-20-22-914-5435	Gasoline - Operating	10,895	0	(10,895)	0
		Expense Total			(9,836)	0	9,836	0
	915 Vehicle 15	Expense	1-20-22-915-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	2,313	0	(2,313)	0
			1-20-22-915-5435	Gasoline - Operating	1,449	0	(1,449)	0
		Expense Total			3,762	0	(3,762)	0
	916 Vehicle 16	Expense	1-20-22-916-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	362	0	(362)	0
			1-20-22-916-5435	Gasoline - Operating	278	0	(278)	0
		Expense Total			640	0	(640)	0
	917 Vehicle 17	Expense	1-20-22-917-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	141	0	(141)	0
			1-20-22-917-5435	Gasoline - Operating	800	0	(800)	0
		Expense Total			941	0	(941)	0
	918 Vehicle 18	Expense	1-20-22-918-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	1,667	0	(1,667)	0
			1-20-22-918-5435	Gasoline - Operating	1,430	0	(1,430)	0
		Expense Total			3,097	0	(3,097)	0
	919 Vehicle 19	Expense	1-20-22-919-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	859	0	(859)	0
			1-20-22-919-5435	Gasoline - Operating	1,740	0	(1,740)	0
		Expense Total			2,599	0	(2,599)	0
	920 Vehicle 20	Expense	1-20-22-920-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	903	0	(903)	0
			1-20-22-920-5435	Gasoline - Operating	1,063	0	(1,063)	0
		Expense Total			1,967	0	(1,967)	0
	921	Expense	1-20-22-921-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	5,455	0	(5,455)	0
			1-20-22-921-5435	Gasoline - Operating	2,777	0	(2,777)	0
		Expense Total			8,233	0	(8,233)	0
	922	Expense	1-20-22-922-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	5,623	0	(5,623)	0
			1-20-22-922-5435	Gasoline - Operating	117	0	(117)	0
		Expense Total			5,740	0	(5,740)	0

22 PS Fleet

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936 Vehicle 36	Expense	1-20-22-936-5435	Gasoline - Operating	49	0	(49)	0
	Expense Total			49	0	(49)	0
942 Vehicle 42	Expense	1-20-22-942-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	4,562	0	(4,562)	0
		1-20-22-942-5435	Gasoline - Operating	655	0	(655)	0
	Expense Total			5,217	0	(5,217)	0
946 Vehicle 46	Expense	1-20-22-946-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	885	0	(885)	0
		1-20-22-946-5435	Gasoline - Operating	1,630	0	(1,630)	0
	Expense Total			2,516	0	(2,516)	0
947 Vehicle 47	Expense	1-20-22-947-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	1,275	0	(1,275)	0
		1-20-22-947-5435	Gasoline - Operating	1,510	0	(1,510)	0
	Expense Total			2,785	0	(2,785)	0
951 Vehicle 51	Expense	1-20-22-951-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	22,029	0	(22,029)	0
		1-20-22-951-5435	Gasoline - Operating	7,796	0	(7,796)	0
	Expense Total			29,825	0	(29,825)	0
952 Vehicle 52	Expense	1-20-22-952-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	4,295	0	(4,295)	0
		1-20-22-952-5435	Gasoline - Operating	232	0	(232)	0
	Expense Total			4,527	0	(4,527)	0
956 Vehicle 56	Expense	1-20-22-956-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	772	0	(772)	0
		1-20-22-956-5435	Gasoline - Operating	428	0	(428)	0
	Expense Total			1,200	0	(1,200)	0
958 Vehicle 58	Expense	1-20-22-958-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	(25)	0	25	0
	Expense Total			(25)	0	25	0
960 Vehicle 60	Expense	1-20-22-960-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	1,270	0	(1,270)	0
		1-20-22-960-5435	Gasoline - Operating	1,688	0	(1,688)	0
	Expense Total			2,958	0	(2,958)	0
961 Vehicle 61	Expense	1-20-22-961-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	4,758	0	(4,758)	0
		1-20-22-961-5435	Gasoline - Operating	6,458	0	(6,458)	0
	Expense Total			11,216	0	(11,216)	0

22 PS Fleet	961 Vehicle 61									
	962 Vehicle 62	Expense	1-20-22-962-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	10,890	0	(10,890)	0		
				1-20-22-962-5435	Gasoline - Operating	9,331	0	(9,331)	0	
		Expense Total				20,221	0	(20,221)	0	
	963 Vehicle 63	Expense	1-20-22-963-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	1,045	0	(1,045)	0		
				1-20-22-963-5435	Gasoline - Operating	418	0	(418)	0	
		Expense Total				1,463	0	(1,463)	0	
	964 Vehicle 64	Expense	1-20-22-964-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	2,474	0	(2,474)	0		
				1-20-22-964-5435	Gasoline - Operating	4,348	0	(4,348)	0	
		Expense Total				6,822	0	(6,822)	0	
	966 Vehicle 66	Expense	1-20-22-966-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	85	0	(85)	0		
				1-20-22-966-5435	Gasoline - Operating	1,189	0	(1,189)	0	
		Expense Total				1,274	0	(1,274)	0	
	967 Vehicle 67	Expense	1-20-22-967-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	1,806	0	(1,806)	0		
				1-20-22-967-5435	Gasoline - Operating	879	0	(879)	0	
		Expense Total				2,685	0	(2,685)	0	
	22 PS Fleet Total					307,396	230,000	(77,396)	230,000	
	23 PS Courthouse	100 General	Revenue	1-20-23-100-2035	CSPT Court Security Prisoner Trans. Grant	(669,315)	(638,187)	31,128	(638,187)	
				1-20-23-100-2510	Courthouse Recoveries	(46,817)	(45,000)	1,817	(45,000)	
			Revenue Total				(716,132)	(683,187)	32,945	(683,187)
			Expense	1-20-23-100-3010	Reg Full-time Salaries & Wages	562,237	428,662	(133,575)	428,662	
				1-20-23-100-3011	Reg Part-time Salaries & Wages	332,913	371,753	38,840	371,753	
				1-20-23-100-3039	Premium overtime/Standby	140	0	(140)	0	
				1-20-23-100-3090	Overtime	19,392	10,000	(9,392)	10,000	
1-20-23-100-3120				Statutory Benefits	76,291	30,261	(46,030)	30,261		
1-20-23-100-3130				Employer Benefits	80,211	51,263	(28,948)	51,263		
1-20-23-100-3135				OMERS	70,825	65,093	(5,732)	65,093		
1-20-23-100-4024				Employee Assistance Program	420	500	80	500		
1-20-23-100-4027				Police College Training	1,085	500	(585)	500		
1-20-23-100-4168				OPTIC	9,005	10,000	995	10,000		
1-20-23-100-4176				Operating Equipment Rent/Lease	1,524	2,000	476	2,000		

23 PS Courthouse	100 General	Expense	1-20-23-100-4240	Telephone/Fax Services	16,782	20,500	3,718	20,500	
			1-20-23-100-4272	Printing	1,223	1,000	(223)	1,000	
			1-20-23-100-5010	General Supplies	9,423	5,000	(4,423)	5,000	
			1-20-23-100-5011	Office Supplies	2,164	2,500	336	2,500	
			1-20-23-100-5040	Safety Supplies	928	1,500	572	1,500	
			1-20-23-100-5045	Uniforms/Supplies	17,560	5,000	(12,560)	5,000	
			1-20-23-100-5071	Office Furniture Purchases	2,199	1,000	(1,199)	1,000	
			1-20-23-100-5075	Equipment	2,017	2,000	(17)	2,000	
			1-20-23-100-5510	Books & Subscriptions	719	0	(719)	0	
			1-20-23-100-5580	IT Systems	1,184	5,000	3,816	5,000	
		Expense Total				1,208,242	1,013,532	(194,710)	1,013,532
23 PS Courthouse Total					492,111	330,345	(161,766)	330,345	
24 PS Courthouse Fleet	100 General	Expense	1-20-24-100-4145	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	0	8,000	8,000	8,000	
		Expense Total				0	8,000	8,000	8,000
	946 Vehicle 46	Expense	1-20-24-946-5435	Gasoline - Operating	567	0	(567)	0	
		Expense Total				567	0	(567)	0
	963 Vehicle 63	Expense	1-20-24-963-5435	Gasoline - Operating	6,909	0	(6,909)	0	
		Expense Total				6,909	0	(6,909)	0
	24 PS Courthouse Fleet Total					7,476	8,000	524	8,000
	Grand Total					17,325,490	15,789,777	(1,535,714)	15,789,777



Police Services Board Meeting

Constable Colin McGregor Building
REPORT

DIRECTED TO:	<u>St. Thomas Police Services Board</u>
PREPARED BY:	<u>Chief M. Roskamp</u>
SUBJECT:	<u>Crime Severity Index (CSI) – Values for 2024</u>
MEETING DATE:	<u>July 28, 2025</u>
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REPORT TITLE:	<u>Crime Severity Index (CSI) – Values for 2024</u>

Recommendation:

That: Report #CHIEF-2025-26; Crime Severity Index (CSI) – Values for 2024; be received for information, and further, that the Police Services Board approve the report and recommendation as provided by Chief Roskamp. Further, it is recommended that this report be forwarded to St. Thomas City Council for informational and awareness purposes.

Background:

The 2024 Crime Severity Index (CSI) values in Canada have been released. The CSI is a measure of police-reported crime that reflects the relative seriousness of individual offences and tracks changes in crime severity. The CSI is a system used to address the traditional limitations of police-reported crime rates and works to provide a clearer picture of crime trends. Weighted values are assigned depending on the seriousness of each crime which therefore lists serious offences as having more impact than traditional quantitative reporting. The weighted value is assigned based on the severity of sentences handed down by judges in a particular jurisdiction. For the Violent Crime Severity Index, the five contributors are Robbery, Sexual Assaults, Assaults, and Uttering Threats. Overall, the CSI tells us if crimes reported to the police was relatively more or less serious than in previous years.

Please note the contrast and comparison to neighbouring and comparable sized communities as listed in this report.

As previously reported, in 2024, our police service faced an unprecedented demand pertaining to the volume of calls and the severity of incidents. These unanticipated pressures created critical points with operational staffing gaps, that were quickly remedied through Police Services Board action to meet the demands. 2024 marked the highest level of operational pressures in our history. *At this point, 2025 is trending to exceed 2024's incident volumes.

Recent Stats Canada data indicates that 2024 was the most demanding year in history for many police services across Ontario and Canada, characterized by surging calls for service, increasing complexity of incidents, and rising violent crime pressures. Data continues to speak on the status of public safety, including here at home in St. Thomas.

Analysis:

2022 to 2023 Values

CITY	OVERALL CSI 2022/2023	%	VIOLENT CSI 2022/2023	%	NON-VIOLENT CSI 2022/2023	%
St. Thomas	79.37 / 68.89	-13.20	65.56 / 71.07	+8.40	85.56 / 68.59	-19.83
London	81.36 / 70.78	-13.00	96.87 / 88.75	-8.38	75.85 / 64.20	-15.36
Woodstock	89.02 / 77.24	-13.23	79.47 / 66.31	-16.56	93.58 / 82.26	-12.10
Timmins	147.75 / 131.62	-10.92	194.17 / 175.15	-9.80	130.45 / 115.34	-11.58
Cornwall	112.56 / 121.56	+8.00	145.23/ 151.91	+4.60	100.45 / 110.46	+9.97

2023 to 2024 Values

CITY	OVERALL CSI 2023/2024	%	VIOLENT CSI 2023/2024	%	NON-VIOLENT CSI 2023/2024	%
St. Thomas	68.89 / 65.88	-4.37	71.07 / 80.95	+13.90	68.59 / 60.41	-11.93
London	70.78 / 65.89	-6.91	88.75 / 81.84	-7.79	64.20 / 60.07	-6.43
Woodstock	77.24 / 68.56	-11.24	66.31 / 63.41	-4.37	82.26 / 71.20	-13.45
Timmins	131.62 / 116.19	-11.72	175.15 / 145.91	-16.69	115.34 / 105.30	-8.70
Cornwall	121.56 / 97.67	-19.65	151.91 / 123.82	-18.49	110.46 / 88.04	-20.30

KEY NOTES:

As you can see, **St. Thomas has decreased significantly in overall crime severity from 2022 to 2024 at 17.57% reduction** (Ontario = 3.23% increase 2022-24). **Our non-violent crime severity value has also decreased significantly over the same two-year period at 31.76% reduction** (Ontario = 3.22% increase 2022-24), **while our violent crime severity has increased 22.3%** (Ontario = 3.37% increase 2022-24). Our overall progress is very encouraging, yet violent crime remains an area that will continue to receive targeted and sustained responses by our officers. *Our immediate path forward continues to be an enhancement of intelligence-led policing strategies, frontline coordinated responses, deepening community partnerships, advocating for meaningful justice system reforms, and ensuring timely intervention of high-risk individuals and situations.

The implementation of our CIRT team, continued investment in both Street Crime and Property Crime Units, continued investment in frontline resourcing, the creation of a crime analysis unit and a second K9 unit, and the planned re-deployment strategies for all uniformed assets - will continue to have an impact on decreasing violent crime in our city. This continues to be our main operational focus moving forward and we are diligently working at getting all approved resources into place.

Investments made by the Police Services Board and City Council are producing tangible results in reducing crime and social disorder in our community. These outcomes reflect the positive impact of our shared commitment to community safety. However, there are still areas that require time, focus, and sustained investment to build on the progress we've made. As demands on police services continue to grow, it is essential that future budgets remain aligned with these increasing operational needs to ensure an effective and timely response to public safety concerns. We must remain focused and committed to supporting these areas to preserve the gains we've achieved and ensure long-term safety for all residents.

Financial Impact

It has become increasingly clear that budget constraints, including well-intentioned efforts to keep budgets low and years of conservative budgeting, are impacting both current and future budget cycles. We are facing service requirement pressures that require attention. It is essential that future budgets reflect the operational requirements of our police services and support a responsible path forward. We are now presented with the unyielding opportunity to respond to current demands while gradually addressing the gaps that have developed due to the city growth. Growth can bring new opportunities—but it also introduces unpredictable social challenges, including pressures on housing, mental health services, youth supports, and the justice system. With more people, more density, and more diversity in need, the demand on emergency services and community safety systems inevitably rises. These shifts are often accompanied by increases in certain types of crime, particularly crimes of opportunity and social disorder, but also more concerning trends in violent incidents and repeat offending. Our police service is committed to adapting to these realities with intelligence-led enforcement, cross-sector partnerships, and a firm belief that community safety is best achieved when public policy, policing, and social services work in alignment. It will be critical that future budgets align with the service requirements and operational realities of today's policing environment.

While the demand for police services continues to grow, it's clear that sustainable community safety relies on strong collaboration with primary social and health-related agencies. Addressing root causes such as mental health, addiction, and housing insecurity requires a coordinated approach — not just increased police resources. We've been deeply engaged with this concept for years.

In my view, strengthening these partnerships is the most effective path forward to reduce demand on police and build long-term safety and well-being in our communities. As we respond to rising demands for police services, it is abundantly clear that sustainable public safety will require both human and financial investments.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Roskamp', written in a cursive style.

Marc Roskamp
Chief of Police



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★ Transaction Time: 06:09

ITEMS

☐ ** Fire, Police, St. John Ambulance **

☒ Number of Overdoses where First Responders Administered Naloxone

☒ Number of overdoses where first responders administered naloxone Quantity:

☐ Did not administer

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Budget Monitoring

2025

Dept. **St. Thomas Police Service (as of Aug 4, 2025)**

Explanation	Surplus/(Deficit)
1-20-21-100-2240 OPC Recoveries - RE: additonal revenue expected	\$60,030
1-20-21-100-7011 Transfer from Police Reserves - RE: no reserves from 2024; final	(\$200,000)
1-20-21-211-2035 CSP Local Grant - Local - RE: did not receive expected grant revenue; final	(\$164,231)
1-20-21-212-2035 CSP Grant - Prov Priorities - RE: unknown if grant approved; ***	(\$545,114)
1-20-21-215-2035 Victim Suport Grant - RE: did not receive expected revenue; ***	(\$125,000)
1-20-21-217-2080 CCTV Grant - RE: received unanticipated grant revenue	\$22,200
1-20-21-220-2035 NG911 Grant - RE: did not receive expected revenue; ***	(\$565,211)
1-20-21-221-2035 MCRT Grant - RE: did not receive expected revenue; ***	(\$19,840)
1-20-23-100-2035 CSPT Grant - RE: did not receive expected revenue; final	(\$57,493)
1-20-23-100-3010 Reg Full Time Salaries Courts - RE: surplus possible; trending to be more; unexpected medical leaves	\$130,000
1-20-21-100-2010 Reg Full Time Salaries OPS - RE: surplus possible; trending to be more; delayed 2025 hires	\$150,000
1-20-22-900-4145 Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance - RE: unanticipated inflation/expenses	(\$40,000)
1-20-21-100-2255 Paid Duty Recovery - RE: unanticipated reduction in need for paid duties	(\$20,000)
1-20-21-210-2035 RIDE Grant - RE: unknown if grant approved; ***	(\$15,000)
1-20-21-100-5045 Uniforms Supplies - RE: inflation/expenses/law changes	(\$25,000)
*** active grant applications in progress; yet to be approved; revenue possible in 2025	
Grants remain the main pressure point. Years of heavy-reliance on Provincial Grants, coupled with conservative budgeting has created pressures in an increasingly inflationary and unpredictable policing environment. IF ALL OUTSTANDING GRANT REVENUE IS RECEIVED as per applications submitted - there is \$926,000 in active grant applications submitted awaiting approvals; yet to be approved for 2025; if received - this will adjust year-end actual projections positively.	\$926,000
Projected Year-End Surplus/(Deficit)	
(\$488,659)	



Delegation Meeting – Solicitor General

AMO | August 2025

Corporation of the City of St. Thomas



1. MENTAL HEALTH CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM – ENHANCEMENT OF EXISTING TEAM

BACKGROUND	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Growth in St. Thomas has accelerated a number of social determinants of community health in recent years.Socioeconomic impacts have manifested in St. Thomas, similar to many Ontario cities.STPS and the Canadian Mental Health Association have created an ongoing partnership with our Mobile Outreach Support Team (MOST). This team works within an embedded co-response model.
PRESSURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">STPS is in need of enhancing this vital partnership to maintain the ‘right care-right person’ programs that are in place.Mental health and substance use disorders have increased, exacerbating symptoms that result in frequent unnecessary police interactions.STPS has become increasingly responsible for much more than core-functions of public safety. This approach is not sustainable and has affected the mental resiliency of police personnel.*STPS intends to enhance the MOST team’s capabilities by including a Nurse from the St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital pending Provincial grant funding supports.
SOLUTION / REQUEST	1) Mobile Crisis Response Team Enhancement Grant 2025-26; 2026-27 (MCRT); Application submitted/AWAITING APPROVAL; Request approval on this grant submission immediately.

2. CRIME SEVERITY INDEX INCREASING IN ST. THOMAS

BACKGROUND	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Growth of St. Thomas has been estimated at over 10% since 2016. It is forecasted that St. Thomas can expect a projected 75% population increase over the next 20 years (45,000 to 80,000)*With Volkswagen arriving in St. Thomas – we must actively prepare for the public safety pressures and social disorder uncertainty that inherently has manifested by quick growth.St. Thomas is seeking Ontario Government’s ongoing support to ensure a healthy and safe community for VW’s arrival.
PRESSURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">As reported – Crime Severity Indexes are improving based on the current levels of service delivered by the STPS. Investments must be sustained to maintain and further improve our CSI.<ul style="list-style-type: none">OVERALL CSI = -17.57% decrease from 2022 to 2024VIOLENT CSI = +22.3% increase from 2022 to 2024 – CONCERNING TREND THAT IS SUBJECT TO ONGOING STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS; PROVINCIAL FUNDING SUPPORTS NEEDED.NON-VIOLENT CSI = -31.76%% decrease from 2022 to 2024*CSI DATA OVER A TWO YEAR PERIOD REFLECTS THAT OUR STRATEGIES ARE HAVING POSITIVE IMPACTS.Investments made by the Police Services Board, City Council, and the Provincial Government (to date) are producing tangible results in reducing crime and social disorder in our community. These outcomes reflect the positive impact of our shared commitment to community safety. *However, there are still areas that require time, focus, and sustained investment to build on the progress we've made.
SOLUTION / REQUEST	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Community Safety and Policing (CSP) Grants – both Local and Provincial Streams; THESE GRANTS EXPIRED – EFFECTIVE MARCH 2025.<ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) CSP Local Grant – recently approved (August 2025) at \$262,300 for 2025-26 (1 year only);(b) CSP Provincial Grant – recently NOT APPROVED (August 2025) for 2025-26 leaving STPS at a financial disadvantage (\$500,000) to implement initiatives that address violent crimes trends, such as: Human Trafficking Investigations, Enhanced Sexual Violence Investigations, Enhanced Intimate Partner Violence /Gender-Based Violence Investigations, Digital Forensic Examinations/Investigations and Weapons Investigations.Provincial subsidy consideration to be provided to Municipalities (same as the 2024 subsidy given to rural municipalities that were policed by the OPP) to be applied to support the pressures unique to each municipality (negotiated salary increases, enhanced service provisions, equipment/resources/technology).

3. **PROVINCIAL GRANT FUNDING / SUBSIDY OPPORTUNITIES**

BACKGROUND	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Growth in St. Thomas continues. Proactive policing funding strategies are needed to ensure a safe St. Thomas for residents and businesses alike.Safe Communities require adequate, effective and healthy police services.Recent unyielding trends have adjusted the collective heart of policing throughout Ontario. Traditional approaches will not be enough to meet the modern moment.Dynamic social challenges are affecting St. Thomas. Strong collaboration is in place by many key partners – which has had dramatic positive impacts.
PRESSURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All small and mid-sized Ontario Police Service Operational Budgets without Provincial Grant funding present as a major pressure for service provisions and for local rate payers. Provincial Grants offer flexibility for police services to address crime and social disorder issues to greater levels. Without Provincial funding streams – finding sufficient financial resources to manage enhanced crime and social disorder focus is a challenge.
SOLUTION / REQUEST	<p>1) Ontario Government Grants are essential to bolster and further support public safety. In recent years, support by the Ontario Government for the policing sector has been remarkable. However, the following Provincial Grants for the STPS are outstanding – awaiting Ministry approvals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Victim Support Grant = \$341,400 – outstanding – awaiting approval (two years - 2025-27)Mobile Crisis Response Team Grant = \$240,000– awaiting approval (two years - 2025-27)NG911 Funding Support – application to be submitted in August 2025 – REQUIRED FUNDING TO PUT FINAL PIECES IN PLACE TO TRANSITION TO NG911 ENVIRONMENTRIDE Grant = \$64,000 (\$16K per year) – awaiting approval (4 years – 2025-2029) <p>*CSP Provincial - \$500,000 – NOT APPROVED August 2025 (CONCERNING LOSS OF THIS PROVINCIAL GRANT WILL NEGATIVELY IMPACT SERVICE PROVISIONS AND BUDGET in 2025)</p> <p>* OUTSTANDING GRANT APPLICATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL INVESTMENTS THAT ARE NEEDED.</p> <p>* ONTARIO GOVERNMENT CONSIDERATION IN OFFERING A ONE YEAR FUNDING PROGRAM THAT RECOGNIZES THE INCREASING COSTS RELATED TO PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES. A SIMILAR SUBSIDY THAT WAS PROVIDED TO RURAL MUNICIPALITIES POLICED BY THE OPP (\$77M in 2024) SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO MUNICIPALITIES WITH THEIR OWN POLICE SERVICES TO OFFSET INCREASING COSTS THAT WE ARE ALL EXPERIENCING – TO BE APPLIED TO THE PRESURES UNIQUE TO EACH POLICE SERVICE (NEGOTIATED SALARY INCREASES, ENHANCED SERVICE PROVISIONS, INVESTIGATIVE RESOURCES/EQUIPMENT/TECHNOLOGY).</p>

4. **SAFE SCHOOLS**

BACKGROUND	<ul style="list-style-type: none">St. Thomas falls within the catchment areas for the Thames Valley District School Board and the London District Catholic School Board.In 2020, both school boards announced a review of the School Resource Officer Program. A working group was formed including school board leadership, surrounding police leadership representatives, community stakeholders and advocacy representatives.In 2021, both school boards paused their allowance for police officers to attend their schools except for emergency purposes.The review remains active today with police unwelcome within school buildings, except for emergency response or by invitation with parental consent. <u>Some progress has been made with recent discussions, but hesitancy remains in allowing police access to schools.</u>
PRESSURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">STPS is experiencing an increase in violence occurring within schools;<ul style="list-style-type: none">Violence in St. Thomas schools has increased 55% since 2021 (equates to police in schools once every two days) – *COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE.STPS has reported and will continue to report all occurrences of violence in schools to the public.
SOLUTION / REQUEST	<p>1) THERE IS A REMEDY FOR SCHOOL VIOLENCE. CONSISTENT STPS PRESENCE IN SCHOOLS IS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY. THE PROPOSED ‘BILL 33 - SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND STUDENTS ACT’ WILL BE A VERY HELPFUL PIECE OF LEGISLATION ONCE PASSED IN FALL 2025. WE ASK THAT THE ONTARIO GOVERNMENT CONTINUE TO TAKE DECISIVE ACTION TO INSTRUCT ALL SCHOOL BOARDS THAT THE INVITATION FOR POLICE OFFICERS TO ATTEND SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE SAFETY, TO DETER CRIME AND TO BRIDGE THE GAPS BETWEEN POLICE AND OUR YOUTH IS NOT OPEN FOR REVIEW ANY LONGER. WE UNDERSTAND THE SENSITIVITIES AND DIFFERING PERSPECTIVES FROM ADVOCACY GROUPS. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES THAT PREVENT POLICE TO VISIT SCHOOLS IS UNACCEPTABLE AND COUNTER-INTUITIVE TO EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS AND BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS.</p>

5. **BAIL REFORM**

BACKGROUND

- Officers frequently report a cycle where individuals are arrested, quickly released, and then reoffend, often within hours or days. This pattern not only undermines police efforts but also threatens community safety and erodes public trust in the justice system.
- Communities rightly expect police to protect them from public safety threats and ensure safe, livable neighborhoods. This core responsibility is becoming increasingly difficult to fulfill due to current bail practices that allow chronic offenders to be released quickly and repeatedly, despite clear patterns of reoffending.

PRESSURES

REVOLVING DOOR - Officers are demoralized by the futility of arresting the same individuals repeatedly; Communities feel unprotected, victimized repeatedly by chronic criminality.

Judges and Justices of the Peace are required by law to release individuals unless there is a clear risk to public safety or likelihood of fleeing. However, police have consistently argued that:

- Courts are underestimating the risks posed by chronic offenders.
- The presumption of release under Bill C-75 (2019) has led to leniency that doesn't align with lived realities in communities. Bill C-48 (2023) has not corrected the issues.
- **There's a disconnect between policy and community safety.**

SOLUTION / REQUEST

1. Enhanced Consideration of Criminal History - Police advocate for courts to give more weight to an individual's pattern of offending, especially when it shows blatant disregard for bail conditions or a chronic history of violence and offending.

2. Reverse Onus for Repeat Offenders - There is support for strengthening and expanding "reverse onus" provisions—requiring chronic and/or violent offenders to justify why they should be released. Bill C-48 (2023) has made some moves in this direction, but it's not broad enough to address the systemic issue.

3. Tracking and Accountability - Police are asking for better tracking of bail breaches and stronger consequences for those who violate release conditions.

From a community and police perspective, bail reform in Canada—while rooted in protecting constitutional rights—has tipped the balance too far in favor of the accused, at the expense of public safety. Officers on the ground see the same prolific offenders cycling through the system, committing crimes with impunity. Without meaningful changes to how courts handle chronic criminality - communities will continue to suffer, and trust in the justice system will erode further. Police officers are tasked with removing dangerous and chronic offenders from the streets, often at personal risk, only to see them return to the same communities' days, sometimes hours, later. Many of these offenders have extensive criminal records, multiple prior convictions, and a history of breaching court orders. Yet under current bail standards, they are frequently released with minimal conditions.

*The Ontario Government can support police and communities by enhancing Provincial Crown bail policies. Ontario can direct its Crown prosecutors to take a firmer stance in bail hearings, especially for prolific offenders. While bail reform is federally governed, Ontario has powerful levers it can use to shift how chronic offenders are managed within the provincial justice system. By combining tougher prosecutorial policies and specialized courts, Ontario can improve outcomes for both police and the communities they serve. Without meaningful change, this cycle will continue. For communities to feel safe—and for police to effectively do their jobs—there must be a stronger link between criminal history, community risk, and pre-trial release decisions.



Police Services Board Meeting

Constable Colin McGregor Building
REPORT

DIRECTED TO:	St. Thomas Police Services Board
PREPARED BY:	Chief M. Roskamp
SUBJECT:	Unclaimed Money – Use to be Determined by PSB; Public Interest
MEETING DATE:	September 24, 2025
REPORT #	CHIEF-2025-28
REPORT TITLE:	Unclaimed Money – Use to be Determined by PSB; Public Interest

Recommendation:

That: Report #CHIEF-2025-28; Unclaimed Money; Use to be determined by Police Services Board for purposes deemed to be in the public interest, pursuant to Part XVII (17) Section 259 of the Community Safety and Policing Act, be received for information, and further, that the Police Services Board approve the report and request as prepared and submitted by Chief Roskamp.

Background:

As part of an ongoing property management system to audit the STPS General Property Vault, money that has been determined unclaimed or found has been accumulated and can be used by the Police Services Board as determined for purposes that are deemed to be in the public interest.

Property in possession of police service

258 (1) This section applies to personal property of all kinds, except firearms and money, that comes into the possession of a police service under either of the following circumstances:

1. The property was stolen from its owner or was found abandoned in a public place and the chief of police is unable to determine who owns it.
2. The property was seized by a member of the police service in the lawful execution of his or her duties, all legal proceedings in respect of the property have been completed, there is no court order for its disposition and there is no legal requirement, apart from this section, that it be retained or disposed of. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1, s. 258 (1).

Money

259 (1) This section applies to money that comes into the possession of a police service under the circumstances described in paragraph 1 or 2 of subsection 258 (1). 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1, s. 259 (1).

Money to be dealt with in accordance with procedures

(2) The money shall be dealt with in accordance with any procedures prescribed by the Minister. 2023, c. 12, Sched. 1, s. 74.

Use of money by police service maintained by a police service board

(3) If three months have elapsed after the day the money came into the possession of a police service maintained by a police service board and the owner has not claimed it, the police service board may use it for any purpose that it considers in the public interest. 2023, c. 12, Sched. 1, s. 74.

The following incidents involve unclaimed money and can be dealt with pursuant to Policy/Adequacy Standard LE-020 and the Community Safety and Policing Act:

ST2505654 – April 7, 2025; \$35,010 Polish Zloty - Found Money from incident – unclaimed.

*Total: it is estimated that upon exchange, the polish zloty currency may convert to \$13,267.74 CAD. There are limited options to exchange this currency. If approved, the money will be exchanged at the International Money Exchange Kiosk in London (as confirmed) and returned to the Police Services Board.

Analysis

Not applicable.

Financial Impact

Total monies to be deposited into the Police Services Board account may total \$13,267.74 CAD (minus any exchange charges) to be used for a purpose deemed suitable in the public interest.

Respectfully,



Marc Roskamp
Chief of Police

MARC. T. ROSKAMP
Chief of Police



STEVEN B. BOGART
Deputy Chief of Police

Statement from St. Thomas Police Services Chief of Police Marc Roskamp

St. Thomas, ON – Monday July 7th, 2025

On July 6, 2025, another vacant building in St. Thomas was the subject of arson. Arson is not just a crime against property – it's a crime against people, against safety and against the sense of security in a community.

The damage loss of 616 Talbot Street is estimated at over \$1M. Lives were put at risk as a result of this life- threatening crime, and we will pursue this matter with the same seriousness as a violent crime.

A prolific offender, Joseph Penfound (44 years old) was arrested and charged with the property offences that destroyed a heritage block in our downtown. This individual was out on bail for 13 criminal offences that date back to mid-2024, and a Probation Order that was subject to 14 criminal offences dating back to 2021. This individual has spent years involved in the criminal justice system as an adult. This circumstance represents precisely the consistent and pressing concerns over recidivist behaviours and a bail system that impacts community safety.

The current bail approach continues to allow high-risk individuals to reoffend once released. Repeat offenders are often competent, strategic and should be held fully responsible for their actions. The STPS believes in combining compassion where appropriate, but not an automatic overcompensation to blame social determinants as the cause, and where chronic criminality is treated as a symptom. Repeat offenders often show targeted behaviours that disregard victims' rights, leaving communities to suffer the consequences.

I commend our officers for their outstanding work that led to the swift identification and arrest of the repeat offender in this matter. Our downtown business community's support and cooperation was also instrumental in solving this occurrence so quickly. The community collaboration and our *right person-right care* approaches that have been established in St. Thomas are incredibly unique, and the investments continue to show impactful results for those that need supports and choose to live healthy in our community.

STPS members are working hard to keep our community safe—despite the challenges of a justice system under strain. We remain committed to being a constructive part of the solution and our dedication to public safety in St. Thomas is unwavering.



ANDREW LAWTON, M.P.

Statement from M.P. Andrew Lawton on downtown St. Thomas arson

I was saddened to learn on the weekend about the destructive fire in downtown St. Thomas.

The historic building targeted in this despicable arson, the Acacia Block, dates to 1881. It was the home of my campaign office during the federal election. The owners are young entrepreneurs who had been putting in a lot of work into renovating and revitalizing the heritage space.

My sadness turned to frustration when I learned that the man charged with setting this building aflame was out on bail for more than a dozen other criminal charges and was already on probation for an arson conviction.

The suspect is well-known to police, who call him a “prolific offender.”

I am grateful to the St. Thomas Police Service and St. Thomas Fire Department for their exemplary work in so swiftly containing the fire and arresting the suspect. However, this shouldn’t have happened in the first place. This repeat offender should have been behind bars, not on bail.

Failed Liberal government laws Bill C-5 and C-75 continue to allow for the catch and release of destructive and violent criminals. These bills have codified the abuse of our bail system, allowing dangerous repeat offenders back on our streets.

When Conservative members of the House of Commons Justice Committee tried to discuss the bail crisis last month, the Liberals moved to adjourn for the summer after a 16-minute meeting.

St. Thomas and communities across Canada continue to face the consequences of the broken bail system. I will continue to push for bail reform. Canadians deserve action now.

Andrew Lawton

Member of Parliament, Elgin—St. Thomas—London South

From: Tiffany Terpstra
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2025 7:12 AM
To: City of St. Thomas Mayor, City Council and City Manager
Subject: STPS Chief Roskamp; Continued Advocacy on Bail Reform and Local Public Safety

Good Morning Mayor and City Councillors,

On behalf of the Police Services Board Chair, Dan Reith, please see the ongoing advocacy work being led by Chief Roskamp pertaining to justice system reforms, more specifically the issues surrounding bail for prolific offenders involved in chronic criminality. The Chief's leadership in advancing our teams' efforts on this piece has been notable in recent days throughout the Province.

It's so important that we all remain aligned on these pressure points, and the Police Services Board, Executive Leadership Team and entire staff stand with these strong messages on local public safety.

Your ongoing support continues to be recognized by all STPS personnel and we thank you for that.

RECENT MEDIA:

In this London Free Press article, Chief Roskamp speaks candidly about the consequences of current bail policies:
<https://lfpres.com/news/local-news/richmond-row-stabbing-police-will-oppose-bail-for-accused-chief-vows>

MP Andrew Lawton, Member of Parliament for Elgin–Middlesex–London South, publicly echoed the Chief's concerns on X, supporting the call for reform:
<https://x.com/AndrewLawton/status/1948799884624363668>

This London Free Press article, showing bipartisan support for our Service's stance on bail reform following the recent downtown arson investigation:
<https://lfpres.com/news/local-news/mp-joins-police-chiefs-growing-push-for-bail-reform-for-repeat-offenders>

Our own media release detailing the arrest of a Joe Penfound in the downtown arson case provides clear, local evidence of the issue at hand:
<https://stps.on.ca/arson-downtown-a-prolific-offender-has-been-arrested/>

This CBC Radio interview where the Chief discusses the impacts of repeat offenders:
<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-80-afternoon-drive/clip/16156785-devastating-arson-st.-thomas-renews-calls-bail-reform>

Chief Roskamp hosted a roundtable with local and federal leaders, bringing community safety and prolific offending into sharp focus:
<https://stps.on.ca/local-and-federal-leaders-convene-to-tackle-public-safety-and-prolific-offending/>

<https://ianscityscope.com/2025/07/26/returning-balance-to-canadas-criminal-justice-system-the-subject-of-a-community-think-tank-held-in-st-thomas/#more-19177>

The Chief continues to be a strong voice on behalf of our members and the public, strongly urging action to ensure that those who pose a repeated risk to others are no longer released into our communities without due consideration for resident safety.

'Prolific offenders' charged in fire, stabbing rouse police chiefs

In a social media post, London police Chief Thai Truong said the accused in the daytime attack is a "prolific offender" who was out on bail

Author of the article:

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London police Chief Thai Truong, left, and St. Thomas police Chief Marc Roskamp. (Free Press file photos)

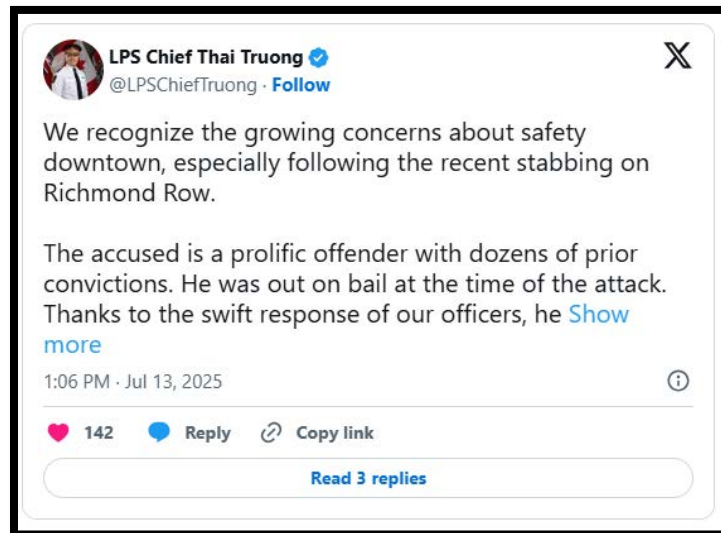
Following a daylight stabbing in London and a major fire in St. Thomas, police chiefs in both cities described the two accused as “prolific offenders” and are vowing to do everything in their power to keep them behind bars.

London police Chief Thai Truong commented on social media after a manager at Joe Kool’s was stabbed July 7, while St. Thomas police Chief Marc Roskamp released a statement following a fire July 6 that razed an historic downtown building.

“The accused is a prolific offender with dozens of prior convictions,” Truong said in a post Sunday. “He was out on bail at the time of the attack. Thanks to the swift response of our officers, he was quickly identified and taken into custody. He remains there, and we will do everything in our power to contest his release.

“This is not just a policing issue. There are broader societal challenges at play, and we must acknowledge that some individuals, regardless of their circumstances, pose a real and ongoing risk to public safety. We will continue to work with our community leaders, the courts, and all levels of government to keep our community safe and find real, long-term solutions. Safety must come first.”

A 33-year-old London man is charged with aggravated assault and breach of probation in the stabbing. He remains in custody and was to appear in a London court on Friday.



In a statement July 7, Roskamp said a 44-year-old St. Thomas man charged with arson, failing to comply with a probation order and drug possession in the fire that levelled a 144-year-old downtown building was “prolific offender” who was before the courts on 13 charges, including mischief and making a false fire alarm, and has been convicted of 14 charges, including arson.

The case represents the “pressing” concerns over a bail system that impacts community safety, he said.

“The (St. Thomas police service) believes in combining compassion where appropriate, but not an automatic overcompensation to blame social determinants as the cause, and where chronic criminality is treated as a symptom,” Roskamp said. “Repeat offenders often show targeted behaviours that disregard victims’ rights, leaving communities to suffer the consequences.”



A pile of rubble is all that is left on Monday, July 7, 2025, after a building on Talbot Street in downtown St. Thomas was destroyed in a blaze the previous day. (Mike Hensen/The London Free Press)

Joe Kool's owner Mike Smith said the injured bar manager was discharged from the hospital the day after he was stabbed and is expected to return to work this week.

"Obviously, this is serious. We didn't want this to happen, but there's been a really huge improvement in the last year," Smith said of safety in downtown London.

Smith, a downtown booster who owns two other core eateries, credits Truong, who vowed to make London a safer city when he became chief two years ago, for the improvement.

"The chief is doing a great job. I saw him walking Richmond Street a month ago," Smith said, adding violence isn't unique to downtown. "It's everywhere."

The manager had asked a man loitering behind Joe Kool's to leave at about 3:30 p.m. on July 7, London police said.

The man pulled out a knife and stabbed the manager. The attacker took off on a scooter, police said.

The manager suffered life-threatening injuries and taken by paramedics to hospital, police said.

Court records show the accused in the stabbing was previously arrested on March 17 and charged with possession of property obtained by an indictable offence, fleeing from police, driving while prohibited, careless storage of ammunition and possession of ammunition while prohibited. The man, whose address is listed as a backyard shed, wasn't held for a bail hearing.

Rattled by the attack, some Richmond Row businesses and employees shared their frustrations with The Free Press about what they say are delays in police response to calls about threats or vandalism on the busy bar-eatery strip, an entertainment hot spot for residents and visitors to London alike.



A member of the London police foot patrol talks to a man loitering outside First Baptist Church on Richmond Row in London, Ontario on Monday July 14, 2025. (Derek Ruttan/The London Free Press)

Online, reaction has similarly highlighted concerns about public safety downtown.

Jeremy McCall, a member of the public library board and prominent community volunteer, took to X to post a photo of what appears to be a blood-soaked hospital bed, and described the victim as a friend.

“I sincerely hope that we can get Richmond Row under control for the sake of everyone in London,” he wrote.

Coun. David Ferreira, whose Ward 13 encompasses downtown, said downtown is safe but still has its issues like other cities.

“There’s a lot of people in the downtown area, so with more people . . . you may see higher numbers of certain things happening here and there,” he said. “I don’t really see a difference between downtown and other areas of the city, so of course Richmond Row is safe and there are a lot of people (who) will attest to that.”

The London and St. Thomas police chiefs are the latest law enforcement leaders to speak out in a bid to draw attention to problems that need to be addressed, said a spokesperson for an organization representing more than 1,200 senior police officers across the province.

“Just from a policing perspective, I think what you’re seeing is the chiefs are reflecting what their officers on the frontline are reporting back, a sense of frustration that they do a lot of hard work . . . particularly with repeat offenders and it seems it’s a bit of a revolving door,” said Joe Couto of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police.

“And that’s frustrating, not only for the officers because they take pride in what they do, of course, but we hearing it from the communities.”

There has been growing calls from police forces, their unions and politicians at all levels to reform Canada's bail system.

The federal Liberal government passed a bill that took effect last year changing the way bail is granted for some weapons offences and cases involving intimate partner violence. Another bill will be tabled in the fall to introduce stricter bail conditions and sentencing from some crimes, including offences involving organized crime, human trafficking, home invasion and auto theft.

But Couto said solving the problems raised by police and other critics will take a collaborative approach. Article content

"It involves police, it involves corrections, it involves social work . . . We can't just simply pass it off and blame one part of the system," he said.

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Police in my riding have been crystal clear that Canada needs bail reform.

Yesterday, I was honoured to bring together the [@STPSmedia](#) and [@AylmerPolice](#) chiefs and deputy chiefs with Conservative Shadow Minister for Justice [@LarryBrockMP](#), a former prosecutor.

It was clear after our conversation, which included frontline officers, that legislative change is needed urgently. The "principle of restraint" put into the Criminal Code by the Liberal government has directly resulted in bail being easier to get for prolific offenders who chronically terrorize communities large and small.

I am committed to taking action on this as a member of Parliament.

I'm grateful to St. Thomas Police Chief [@Marc_Roskamp](#) for hosting and to Deputy Chief Steve Bogart, Aylmer Police Chief Kyle Johnstone, and Aylmer Deputy Chief Chris Johnson for their participation.

This input is valuable for me to take back to Ottawa, in particular as a member of the House of Commons Justice Committee.

Help is on the way.



MP joins police chiefs' growing push for bail reform for repeat offenders

Police chiefs from two London-area municipalities sat down with a newly elected local Conservative MP to discuss public safety, with a focus on bail reform.



Andrew Lawton, Member of Parliament for Elgin-St. Thomas-London South, was photographed in his constituency office in St. Thomas on Thursday July 24, 2025. (Derek Ruttan/The London Free Press)

Police chiefs from two London-area municipalities sat down with a newly elected local Conservative MP to discuss public safety, with a focus on bail reform.

Hosted by St. Thomas police Chief Marc Roskamp at the city's police station, the meeting also included Aylmer's top cop, Kyle Johnstone. They met with Andrew Lawton, first-term federal MP for Elgin-St. Thomas-London South, and another Southwestern Ontario MP, Larry Brock from Brantford-Brant.

The closed-door meeting was focused on a growing police push for bail reform for "prolific offenders" – individuals who repeatedly engage in criminal activity. The debate has drawn renewed local attention after the top cops in Aylmer, St. Thomas and London spoke out about different incidents and used that exact two-word term.

"It was a very productive meeting," Lawton said. "When I'm working on this file in Ottawa, (I want) to be able to bring the real experiences of frontline officers and police departments in my riding and the pressing need that they've conveyed for change."

Although the meeting had already been "in the works," a recent arson in St. Thomas that destroyed a 144-year-old building in the city's downtown "underscored the urgency" of the roundtable, Lawton said.

"Bail reform is key. There's been a huge discussion in the community that's been, I think, reinvigorated by the arson down the road, but I don't want people to think this is a new problem, because it's not."

Lawton said bail reform should make it harder for those with lengthy criminal histories to get out of custody.

“It looks different now,” Lawton said about the burned-out building that housed his campaign office. “I got to know the landlords there and it was these two young guys just putting a bunch of effort and money into it. Now it’s a pile of heap on Talbot Street.”

A 44-year-old is charged. Roskamp has spoken out about the case as he argued to change how bail is decided by the courts for accused people with lengthy criminal histories.

He, Johnstone and London’s police chief, Thai Truong, want stricter rules from the courts.

“We understand the foundations of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and Canadian law in terms of innocent until proven guilty,” Roskamp said in a phone interview following the meeting.

“We’ve just got to be very careful that chronic criminality and high-risk offenders aren’t treated like first-time offenders or first-time arrestees when they arrive in court.”

Earlier this week, Johnstone issued a public statement about what he deemed a “prolific offender” following an investigation into threats against a landlord in Aylmer, a town of about 7,500 located east of London.

Truong, London’s top cop, was scheduled to attend Thursday’s meeting but was unable to do so, Lawton said. Truong also used the term “prolific offender” in a statement while discussing a probe into a downtown London stabbing earlier this month.

“This isn’t just a policing issue, it’s a community issue,” Roskamp said on Thursday. “When a small number of individuals are responsible for a high volume of crime, we must take a coordinated approach that spans the justice system, health care and social supports.”

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Arson Downtown: A Prolific Offender Has Been Arrested

July 6, 2025 | 6:29 pm

St. Thomas, ON – *Sunday July 6th 2025*

A 44 year old St. Thomas man, known to be a prolific offender has been arrested and charged after an early morning fire in the city's downtown core was determined to be arson.

Just after 4 a.m. this morning 9-1-1 dispatchers began receiving multiple calls reporting that a building in the 600 block of Talbot Street was on fire.

With an immediate response, STPS closed the surrounding areas to traffic to allow the St. Thomas Fire Service to have access to contain the blaze.

An investigation into the cause of the fire, deemed it to be an act of arson.

Through investigation and review of CCTV cameras in the area, the accused was captured on security video breaching a door and entering the vacant building. He was then seen leaving and

re-entering the structure before finally leaving the area, walking westbound down Talbot Street.

The accused was identified as 44 year old, Joseph Penfound of St. Thomas. He was located and arrested by front line patrol just after 9 a.m. this morning.

Penfound has been charged with:

- **Arson**
- **Fail to Comply with Probation Order**
- **Possession of a Schedule 1 Substance**

Penfound is well-known to police and currently has 13 charges before the courts which include five counts of Failure to Comply with Probation Order, Mischief, Uttering Threats, and False Alarm Fire.

He is currently bound by conditions of a probation order in relation to convictions of 14 charges including multiple Mischiefs, Arson, and Failure to Comply with Release Order.

As the result of a court appearance he has been remanded into custody. ST25011757



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'Devastating' arson in St. Thomas renews calls for bail reform


7 mins

July 8, 2025

An alleged arson over the weekend in St. Thomas has prompted concern from St. Thomas Police Chief Marc Roskamp. He expresses frustration with the criminal justice system and how the actions of repeat offenders jeopardize community safety.

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Local and Federal Leaders Convene to Tackle Public Safety and Prolific Offending

- July 24, 2025
- , 1:11 pm

St. Thomas, ON – *Thursday July 24th 2025*

Today, Chief Roskamp hosted a strategic meeting with Chief Kyle Johnstone, Member of Parliament Andrew Lawton, and Member of Parliament Larry Brock—both members of the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights—to address the evolving challenges surrounding public safety in their respective jurisdictions.

A central focus of the meeting was the growing concern over prolific offenders—individuals who repeatedly engage in criminal activity, often with significant and ongoing impact on local communities. Participants emphasized the need for stronger accountability measures to curb chronic offending and reduce the burden on victims and frontline responders.

“This isn’t just a policing issue—it’s a community issue,” said Chief Roskamp. “When a small number of individuals are responsible for a high volume of crime, we must take a coordinated approach that spans the justice system, health care, and social supports.”

The conversation recognized the multi-sectoral nature of the challenge, involving not only police and the courts but also corrections, mental health services, and community organizations. Leaders reaffirmed their commitment to working collaboratively to protect the public and support a justice system that balances accountability with rehabilitation.

The meeting reflects ongoing efforts to ensure that legislative, enforcement, and support frameworks are equipped to address chronic criminality and its ripple effects on safety and well-being in communities of all sizes.



Pictured from Left – Right:

Deputy Chief (Designate) Steve Bogart, St. Thomas Police. Chief Marc Roskamp, St. Thomas Police. MP Larry Brock, Brantford-Brant. MP Andrew Lawton, Elgin-St. Thomas London-South. Chief Kyle Johnstone, Aylmer Police and Deputy Chief Chris Johnson, Aylmer Police.

RETURNING BALANCE TO CANADA'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM THE SUBJECT OF A COMMUNITY THINK TANK HELD IN ST. THOMAS

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A roundtable discussion was held on Thursday (July 24) to examine the evolving challenges impacting public safety in St. Thomas and Aylmer.

In attendance were St. Thomas Police Chief Marc Roskamp, Aylmer Police Chief Kyle Johnstone, along with deputy chiefs from both services and Elgin-St. Thomas-London South MP Andrew Lawton and Brantford-Brant MP Larry Brock.

The two Conservative MPs are members of the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights.

Front and centre was the growing concern over repeat offenders, a matter well documented in both municipalities.

The need was expressed for stronger accountability to curb chronic offending and reduce the burden on victims and frontline responders.

"This isn't just a policing issue," stressed Chief Roskamp, "it's a community issue. When a small number of individuals are responsible for a high volume of crime, we must take a coordinated approach that spans the justice system, healthcare and social supports."

In summary, the dialogue recognized the multi-sectoral nature of the challenge, involving not only police and the courts, but also corrections, mental health services and community organizations.

We had the opportunity to speak with both of the elected representatives following the roundtable.



MP Brock advised that he has started a petition he is hoping will go viral.

"I'm now at about 40,000 signatures from Canadians right across this country. I'm on a cross-country tour advocating for people to sign this petition. My goal is to get one million Canadians to sign my petition."

Brock continued, "I want to be in a position to come back to Parliament in September and say to the government, for the last three years, you have refused to listen to the calls for bail reform from law enforcement, from chiefs of police, from presidents of law associations, of police associations, of premiers of every province and territory, mayors from small, medium, large communities, victim advocacy groups, community groups, and Canadians.

"You've turned down their pleas for bail reform. How are you going to turn down now a million plus Canadians who are demanding that you do your job, that Number 1 job to keep us safe?

"People make promises to judges each and every day in this country, and it's meaningless because by and large, these prolific repeat offenders know how to game the system, know that there's very little enforcement, or if there is enforcement and they get re-arrested again, they're going to get popped out again ..."

"So I'm hoping the government finally wakes up and says, okay, the time has come. We have to put a balance again in the criminal justice system where the needs of the community and the protection of the victim are on the same level playing field as the rights of the accused and the protections offered under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

"That's how life existed pre-2019. It doesn't exist today."

Situations like the shooting death on Dec. 27, 2022, of OPP Const. Grzegorz Pierzchala while responding to a vehicle in a ditch near Hagersville.

Randall McKenzie and Brandi Stewart-Sperry were both found guilty of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole for 25 years.

McKenzie had been denied bail on unrelated assault and weapons charges months before the shooting, but was released after a review. A warrant for his arrest was issued after he failed to show up for a court date, some time before Pierzchala's killing.

Brock pointed out, "That person breached (their conditions) the very next day after he was released from Superior Court. He was released in my jurisdiction in Brantford by a Superior Court judge.

"His criminal record was very related, very consistent in terms of the convictions and the breaches of bail. He was detained, sat in custody for a couple of months, decided he wanted a bail review, which accused people are entitled to do, went in front of a Superior Court judge, and that particular judge thought that there were circumstances in the plan for release, which included complete house arrest with his mother, would be sufficient to hold him accountable and to keep the community safe.

"Everyone wants to be safe. Everyone wants to make the decision to walk downtown at all hours of the night. They want to make that decision to buy that car of their dreams and leave it in their driveway and wake up in the morning and seeing that same car in the driveway not being vandalized or stolen."

"He breached in less than 24 hours and then was on the lam for a couple of months, incurring charges, new charges in Hamilton. There was a warrant for his arrest, new charges in the Niagara region, another warrant for his arrest, found himself in a stolen vehicle with a female also wanted by the police for outstanding charges and breaches, fully armed, and that poor officer who did his job as any officer would, coming to the aid of a vehicle in distress, paid for it by his life."

Brock continued, "People make promises to judges each and every day in this country, and it's meaningless because by and large, these prolific repeat offenders know how to game the system, know that there's very little enforcement, or if there is enforcement and they get re-arrested again, they're going to get popped out again, they're going to get more bail, and eventually they're going to have to pay the piper and either get a trial, plead guilty, or be found guilty at trial, and the consequences of sentencing do not have the desired deterrent impact anymore."

Referencing the roundtable with the two police chiefs, MP Lawton advised, "One of the concerns that was raised is that these non-violent crimes are often precursors to violent crimes. And even the fire down at the Acacia Block, where again someone who was on bail for other serious charges burned this building down, that could have very easily been a fatal fire with the Indwell building next door, not to mention other people downtown.

"So property crimes are very serious, and when we're talking about chronic criminality, the police were sharing that these are the people who, sure, they're out on bail for a property offence, but the next time they're arrested, it is for assault or assaulting a police officer."

So realistically, will a petition begin to move the needle?

"I'm optimistic, okay, I'm also a realist," admitted Brock. "Andrew and I, on a regular and daily basis, on our social media, also in the House of Commons, we bring this to the attention of the government. It falls on deaf ears.

"I don't think they're going to move the needle sufficiently enough despite their promises to bring meaningful bail reform. They promised that towards the latter end of our spring session that something was going to be introduced in the fall.

"The nice thing about politicians is that we can walk and chew gum at the same time, and there was nothing preventing our justice minister or our public safety minister from introducing legislation this summer."

He continued, "Everyone wants to be safe. Everyone wants to make the decision to walk downtown at all hours of the night. They want to make that decision to buy that car of their dreams and leave it in their driveway and wake up in the morning, and seeing that same car in the driveway not being vandalized or stolen.

"They want to make that decision to purchase a nice home and acquire nice assets and go to bed not worrying that there's going to be some rampant individuals breaking into their home, threatening them with their lives if they don't release certain assets."

Brock summarized by stressing to Premier Mark Carney and the Liberal government that they need to "Accept responsibility where you have a sphere of influence, and that is federal legislation. What you've created is the perfect storm in 2019 to allow our criminal justice system to be unbalanced. That's what we need to address."

Lawton noted, “Larry and I and our two colleagues put out a letter demanding a recall of the committee so that we can actually deal with some of these bail issues that a lot of us were elected to deal with. So we’re hoping to have the committee recalled in the summer, and break time’s over. The petition can be found at <http://www.larrybrockmp.ca/bail-reform-petition>

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Good Afternoon,

Thank you for applying to the call-for-applications under the 2025-26 cycle of the Community Safety and Policing (CSP) Grant.

A total of 74 applications were reviewed by the CSP Grant Review Committee against strict eligibility and assessment criteria. Applications were reviewed and evaluated to determine an applicant's ability to:

- Address one or both of the CSP Grant objectives as well as at least one of the identified provincial priorities;
- Demonstrate a strong need for the initiative in the community, as well as a need for Ministry funding.
- Effectively measure provincially-identified and locally-identified outcomes to demonstrate success of initiative(s); and
- Leverage partnerships with inter-jurisdictional and multi-sector agencies to implement activities and achieve common goals.

Regrettably, your application titled St. Thomas Gun and Gang Violence Initiative (G&GI) was not approved for funding under the **Provincial Priorities Stream** of the 2025-26 CSP Grant. We appreciate your interest in the CSP Grant and encourage you to apply for any future calls for applications. Any updates to the CSP Grant or any other ministry grant programs will be communicated to our stakeholders as soon as they become available. Please note that ministry staff are available to provide feedback on applications.

If you have any questions or would like feedback on your application, please don't hesitate to contact to [REDACTED]

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Good Afternoon,

Thank you for applying to the call-for-applications under the 2025-26 cycle of the Community Safety and Policing (CSP) Grant.

I am pleased to inform you that the Project: "CONNECT": Community Officers Navigating Needs, Engagement, Care & Trust initiative, with an allocation of \$262,308.40 in 2025-26, has been approved for funding under the **Local Priorities Funding Stream** of the 2025-26 CSP Grant cycle.

We ask that you please keep this information confidential until the government has an opportunity to issue announcements.

Ministry staff will be reaching out regarding the contractual agreement in the coming weeks for your service/municipality's review and sign-off.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact to [REDACTED]

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Good morning,

In April 2024, the Ontario Government was pleased to provide funding to support your Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) transition to Next Generation 9-1-1. We have received and processed your Report Back on your allocated funding and have determined that there are unspent funds.

The ministry is requesting return of the unspent funds, in accordance with the Next Generation 9-1-1 Transfer Payment Agreement section A13.1 (a) which states:

A13.1 Funds at the End of a Funding Year. Without limiting any rights of the Province under Article A12.0, if, by the end of a Funding Year, the Recipient has not spent all of the Funds allocated for that Funding Year as provided for in the Budget, the Province may take one or both of the following actions:


- (a) demand from the Recipient payment of the unspent Funds;
- (b) adjust the amount of any further instalments of Funds accordingly.

Instructions for NG9-1-1 funding recipients to return their unused funds:

The unspent fund amount below has been calculated based on the Total Funding Allocation (approved amount in the 2024-25 Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement) less the Total Funding Spent (Actuals per Schedule E of the Financial Report). Please ensure the amount is correct and ~~please~~ follow the instructions below to send us a cheque returning the unspent funds.

Please write a cheque Payable to **Minister of Finance** for the amount of - **\$5,967.94**. On the cheque, please add your entity name St. Thomas Police Service, [REDACTED] and mail it to the below address:


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- Written and numerical amounts match;
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- MICR encoding is present on bottom of cheque; and,
- Memo includes entity name and TPON case number.

Please provide your funding reimbursement by **September 12 at 5pm.**


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St. Thomas Police Services Board Announces Appointment of Deputy Chief Steve Bogart

The St. Thomas Police Services Board is pleased to confirm that Steve Bogart has officially assumed the role of Deputy Chief of Police, effective September 1, 2025. The Board accepted Deputy Chief Scott Barnes' retirement notice early in the year and Steve Bogart was designated to take over later this year.

Deputy Chief Bogart brings nearly 28 years of experience to the Administrative Team, having served in a wide range of roles throughout his distinguished career. His background includes frontline patrol, drug investigations, supervisory positions, and senior leadership responsibilities, all of which have prepared him well for this next chapter of service.

"It is an honour to be appointed as the next Deputy Chief. I look forward to the challenges ahead. Policing has changed over the years and we are required to find new ways to deliver core services to the community. I am excited to work with Chief Roskamp, the Leadership Team and the members of our police service. We have a strong and capable team at STPS and we remain ready to serve amidst the often unpredictable environment that is occurring around us. I'd also like to acknowledge and thank my family, who have been so supportive over the years, I couldn't have reached this goal without them."

— Deputy Chief Steve Bogart

"On behalf of the Police Services Board, I would like to congratulate Steve Bogart on his appointment as Deputy Chief of Police. Steve has demonstrated unwavering dedication, professionalism, and leadership throughout his career. We are confident that he will continue to serve the community of St. Thomas with integrity and a forward-thinking approach to modern policing. The Police Services Board looks forward to Deputy Chief Bogart's continued commitment to public safety and professional excellence. His leadership will be instrumental in advancing the vision of the Chief of Police and ensuring operational excellence for the residents of St. Thomas and member wellness for service personnel." — Dan Reith, Chair, St. Thomas Police Services Board

Please join us in congratulating Deputy Chief Bogart on this well-earned appointment.



St. Thomas Police Service Announces New Community Services Officer and School Liaison

- August 20, 2025

St. Thomas, ON – *Wednesday August 20th 2025*

The St. Thomas Police Service is pleased to announce that Constable Michael Kaiser has been selected as the Service's new Community Services Officer, beginning in September 2025. The reinstatement of this role will reflect the approachable and supportive presence that has long been a hallmark of the school officer position, building on a legacy of support, fostering trust and meaningful connections within our school communities.

In this role, Constable Kaiser will take on the important responsibility of serving as the school liaison for all elementary and secondary schools in the City of St. Thomas. He is currently undergoing focused preparation to ensure he is well-equipped to provide meaningful, proactive support to students, educators, school administrators and parents across the community.

This appointment reflects the Service's ongoing commitment to strengthening partnerships within the education sector and enhancing safety and well-being in our schools.

"We are proud to provide this dedicated resource to our school community. Constable Kaiser brings strong communication skills, approachability, and a passion for youth engagement. He

will play a key role in fostering safe, respectful learning environments by building strong relationships with students, staff, and families, supporting safety and well-being, and acting as a trusted resource within the school community.” Chief Marc Roskamp

The Community Resource Officer will be involved in a wide range of initiatives including intentional curriculum connections in classrooms, violence prevention efforts, crisis response support, and the development of positive, trust-based relationships between police and youth.

Constable Kaiser is excited to get started and strengthen our collective efforts to support students and school communities through collaboration, presence and partnership.





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disorder” in the community. That’s according to information provided to the board for the July meeting by St. Thomas Police Chief Marc Roskamp. His board report cautions, however, “It is essential that future budgets reflect the operational requirements of our police services and

support a responsible path forward.”

The concern is what impact a growing population and overcoming the residual effects of several years of fiscal restraint and conservative budgeting encouraged by the city will have on the 2026 police service budget.

The St. Thomas Police Service is certainly operating in lean fashion when compared to similar-sized police departments, particularly when you look at the cost per capita of delivering services.

The closest comparable service is in Woodstock, with a population very close to St. Thomas.

That city has a complement of 103 police officers versus 81 in St. Thomas (using 2024 figures).

The 2024 policing budget in Woodstock was just under \$21 million compared to \$15.8 million here.

The per capita cost of providing police service in Woodstock is \$451. In St. Thomas, that figure is \$350.

More on the potential impact on next year’s budget later in this item.

Recently released Crime Severity Index (CSI) values indicate that overall crime severity is down 17.57 per cent in St. Thomas from 2022 to 2024.

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32 per cent.

The concern, however, according to Roskamp, is an increase in violent CSI values by 22 per cent from 2022 to 2024, compared to a 3.2 per cent increase across the province.

This is in contrast to neighbouring Woodstock, where violent CSI values dropped by 21 per cent over that same time period.

For the violent CSI values, the contributing factors are robbery, sexual assault, assault and uttering threats.

Roskamp observed, "Our overall progress is very encouraging, yet violent crime remains an area that will continue to receive targeted and sustained response by our officers."

He continued, "Our immediate path forward continues to be an enhancement of intelligence-led policing strategies, frontline coordinated responses, deepening community partnerships, advocating for meaningful justice system reforms, and ensuring timely intervention of high-risk individuals and situations."

As reported earlier this year, St. Thomas Police have faced an unprecedented increase in service calls, combined with the severity of those calls.

"Addressing root causes such as mental health, addiction, and housing insecurity requires a coordinated approach, not just increased police resources."

By comparison, the overall provincial CSI value is up just over 3 per cent. Looking at non-violent CSI values, St. Thomas numbers declined significantly by almost

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And with the rapid growth of St. Thomas over the next two decades – accompanied by more density and more diversity in need – the demand on emergency services and community safety systems will inevitably increase. There will be added pressure on housing, mental health services, youth supports and the justice system.

Chief Roskamp points out, "These shifts are often accompanied by increases in certain types of crime, particularly crimes of opportunity and social disorder, but also more concerning trends in violent incidents and repeat offending."

These social pressures will invariably manifest themselves as the Police Services Board prepares the 2026 budget.

If you remember, the 2025 police budget saw an increase of just under 12 per cent over the previous year.

As board chair Dan Reith stressed in an interview with this corner in October of last year, "It's oxymoronic to think you can have growth without expense under public safety."

And so, a potentially significant increase to the police budget next year should not come as a surprise.

As Chief Roskamp has noted, "Our police service is committed to adapting to these realities with intelligence-led enforcement, cross-sector partnerships, and a firm belief that community safety is best achieved when public policy, policing and social services work in alignment.

"Addressing root causes such as mental health, addiction, and housing insecurity requires a coordinated approach, not just increased police resources.

"We must remain focused and committed to supporting these areas to preserve the gains we've achieved and ensure long-term safety for all residents."

Returning to Reith's observation from last year, during the upcoming budget deliberations, all parties must not lose sight of the fact that sustainable public safety will require both human and financial investments.

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St. Thomas Economic Development Corporation's (EDC's) municipal growth strategy is gaining considerable momentum as PowerCo Canada hits its stride with \$7-billion plans to build a new electric vehicle battery plant here by 2027.

The Volkswagen subsidiary – forecast to create 3,000 direct and 30,000 indirect jobs – is expected to begin plant construction this summer, stoking the local economy, and leading the way forward for many other local employers, Sean Dyke, EDC Chief Executive Officer (CEO), said in a presentation to council on June 9.

Mr. Dyke's 2024-2025 EDC review shows St. Thomas generated a record-breaking \$1.3-billion in industrial, commercial, residential, and institutional building permits last year.

Even without PowerCo in the mix, the city established a new high last year with \$250-million in industrial, commercial, residential, and institutional building permits.

"Obviously, we've never seen over a billion dollars in permits in one year," Mr. Dyke told council. "We are anticipating the PowerCo construction to start in the next few months, so it's going to get pretty exciting and busy out there, and these numbers will be proven over the next year or two as that project moves forward."

"When you're driving around the city, you don't always see it, but when you look at what's happened in the industrial area of the city, you see Presstran Industries has added on nearly 170,000 square feet to the building at the corner of Burwell and Talbot," said Mr. Dyke. "Element5 construction is ongoing, their building is coming along very well (and) they're almost tripling in size."

Maxill Inc. is building on Silver Street, Vicano is growing on Dennis Road, and Amino North



America Corporation on High-bury Avenue also just completed a major expansion, added Mr. Dyke.

"Our goal is to really improve the quality of life in this community for those who live here, for those who work here, and help develop the city in a positive way," he told council. "Over the last year we've also added a vision statement: to cultivate a community that people fall in love with, where businesses thrive and prosperity blooms."

"It sounds flowery on purpose," he added. "We're trying to suggest that we're doing a lot of work behind the scenes to really help

means that in the future, things are going to happen and things are going to get better."

"The majority of it is reinvestment by companies that have shown they care about St. Thomas, and they value that the work that is done here and the employees that are here," he said. "Really exciting times in the industrial sector of the city."

Mr. Dyke said the EDC's Small Business Enterprise Centre (SBEC) deserves a lot of credit for contributing to the city's growth with the support of Elgin County Economic Development and the Government of Ontario.

SBEC's two business advisors managed 3,300 inquiries from entrepreneurs across St. Thomas and Elgin in 2024, he said.

"We've exceeded all of our targets," he added. "We've had over 60 new businesses started and just under 40 expanded, (with) 139 new jobs, which is fantastic."

EDC also quarterbacked provincial government grants in the region, including the Starter Company Plus program, that helps fund business launches, expansions and purchases, as well as training and mentoring programs.

"With Starter Company Plus, we received \$100,000 and gave out \$100,000 in provincial grants, which leveraged nearly \$600,000 in investments," Mr. Dyke told

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people enjoy being here in St. Thomas, whether it's from a business, a residential, or a tourism perspective."

The \$1.1-billion in industrial building permits alone in 2024 is triple the numbers of permits generated in 2023, said Mr. Dyke.

"I think people have felt it," said Dyke. "There has certainly been a lot of construction around and generally, construction is good, it

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council. "That's a really good bang for your buck on the provincial side, creating just over 30 jobs."

He also applauded the Ontario Summer Company program, designed to help 15-to-29-year-olds start and run summer businesses. It supplies young entrepreneurs with business training, mentorship, and up to \$3,000 in funding toward the launch and operation of a business.

"Summer Company is a program we've been running for over a decade here in St. Thomas," said Mr. Dyke. "We handed out \$36,000 (in 2024) to students from the province to start summer businesses."

"The neat thing about these is that about half of them are still looking at entrepreneurship as a career path and over 50 percent of the businesses that we've helped in the past are carrying on with

other businesses now," he added. "It's not always the one that we funded initially, but certainly something different that maybe that student wouldn't have gone on to without this program in place. It's proven to be very successful."

Mr. Dyke's presentation to council also highlighted the climb of residential development in the city. There were 601 new housing starts - mostly apartments - in St. Thomas in 2024, compared to 483 in 2023 and 249 in 2022. St. Thomas has recorded over 2,300 housing starts in the last five years, he added.

"Pretty exciting to see that kind of growth in the city, on the apartment side," he said, noting that interest rates and affordability may be influencing home hunters' decisions. "It's much needed. Definitely the rental market needs to grow. We've seen homebuilders reinvesting in the community."

"I do think we'll see lots of single-family homes in this com-

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munity in the future, but right now the focus is on multi-family town homes, semis, things like that, much different than what we used to see in this community, so we're pleased to see the builder adapting to what the demand is in the community."

Mr. Dyke's presentation to council also highlighted the success of the EDC's Horton Farmers Market on Manitoba Street. There were 2,000 vendor rentals in 2024 and vendors enjoyed over \$1-million in the sale of produce and goods. EDC recorded more than 100 vendors at the 2024 Horton Christmas Market alone, with more than \$100,000 in sales in one day.



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We are already planning the event for 2026. The two-day event will be held at the Columbus Club on Wellington Street, in St.Thomas, on Friday 19th and Saturday the 20th June. Due to popular demand we will once again be holding this event "Under the Canvas". Friday evening we will be offering a fish dinner (\$25) served between 4-6 with live local entertainment, Tony Morgan and "Point Taken" from 6-8 pm (\$15). On Saturday (Tickets \$35 in advance) Randy Dawdy and "Wrif Wraff" will open the show, entertaining from 5-7, the main event will start at 8:30 pm featuring a 2 x 50 minute set show. This act brings back the nostalgia of the Elton John era, as such our headliner will be Mr. Ed Greene, as part of the "Sir Elton John Tribute Band", costumes and all, backed by a full piece band. As a token of our appreciation for your financial support, we will provide you 4 complimentary tickets to either Friday or Saturday's event. Please advise us which is your preference, hearing nothing, we will set aside 4 tickets for the Saturday program.

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If you require any further information or wish to confirm your support in advance for 2026 please feel free to contact

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As we get closer to Summerfest 2026 a representative will follow-up with you after the first of the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerry Holden, Chair, Summerfest Committee

Dave Warden, Columbus Club President