

DELEGATION OCTOBER 17, 2023:
CORRESPONDENCE – Mr. JAMES BISSON

On Wed, Oct 11, 2023 at 11:57 AM James Bisson [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Ron,

The purpose of the delegation is to review changes to the 2022 report vs the 2021 report regarding crime stats and the financial information in the 2022 report.

The 2021 format providing details on crime stats had been consistent in all the reports I looked at since 2014. Unfortunately, that was replaced by 3 broad measurements that provide direction rather than detail. I would like to suggest that the table format be retained in future reports.

As for the financial report, it's embarrassing to be honest!

- The Facilities row has a \$2 million entry in the 2022 Actuals column instead of \$200k.
- It's obvious someone was manually entering the numbers. Your bottom line for the Actuals column simply doesn't add up.
- The last 2 columns in the report are showing mostly negative percentages. They should all be positive as every category increased.

Here's where I get.... a little upset!

This report was reviewed by the Chief, Deputy Chief, Staff, your Board, and was presented to Council and NOBODY SAW THIS??!! Makes you wonder if anyone actually read it.

I watched the video of the Chief presenting the report to Council. He said a few things I think were way off and one I found pretty offensive, but that's debatable. He does deserve at least a little scrutiny for the communication if not the outcome of the results, no? The entire Council lauded him with praises including the two who sit on your Board with very little if anything asked regarding the presentation, including a \$2 million dollar mistake in plain view!

I would appreciate your input on this as this puts into question the competency and oversight of our officials in the eyes of the public.

I'm just.....floored!

James

[REDACTED] -

From: James Bisson <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 6:58:04 PM

To: Ron Kerr <Ron.Kerr@CobourgPSB.com>; Sean Graham <seangraham10@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: Delegation to Oct 17 meeting

Hi Ron,

I'm including Sean in the chain as I would like to know if my delegation will be accepted as the deadline has passed. More than happy to discuss prior, but I'm prepared to address these issues one way or another. You permit only 10 minutes for presentations, so the delegation is very limited compared to what I've looked at.

- The increase in spending that occurred in 2022 vs. 2021 is astounding! 20% Year over Year!
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- The Tax Levy Allocation difference between the Actual and Budget for 2021 was \$2 and \$143 in 2022. No one can come that close randomly two years in a row with the size of numbers being worked with. These numbers are for political purposes, not results that are designed to be analyzed and justified.
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- The amount of Recoveries jumped by approx. \$1,400,000 to cover expenses in a single year. I've never seen a public service provider self fund to that degree. If that's the case you don't need as much taxpayer money.
- On the average tax bill, the police service costs almost as much as fire and road repair combined. Attached
- The fact that V13 reports directly to the Chief is disturbing. He's supposed to be dealing with law enforcement, not being a venture capitalist. see Structure attachment
- At the presentation to Council in August, the Chief said 3 times and I quote, "I have an easy job!". I can see why he would say that when apart from V13 he only has 2 people reporting to him! see Structure attachment. Hope the level of issues we're facing doesn't stress him out too much.
- The Chief doesn't live in Cobourg even though he publicly stated he would move here when he got the job. Neither does the Deputy Chief!! Don't pay taxes here, don't see what goes on after they go home, don't spend here, don't have neighbours here that have alot of stories. Being among the top paid municipal officials, I don't think it's because they can't afford it.
- The Chief has dismissed community concerns about safety as us "feeling uncomfortable" rather than unsafe based on the stats. Your own 2022-2025 Strategic Plan (that's another story) shows a significant drop in approval ratings with the major elements driving the trend being law and order issues while non violent crime is up. If he lived here he might see it differently!
- The Encampment - to be continued
- I suggest you look at the Epoch Times article on Cobourg. With the amount being spent they could have fixed the door at the Police Station alot sooner! No one made a statement? Ouch! <https://archive.ph/XineB>
- The service hires a large contingent of constables using its tiered model, yet non-violent crime is up 15%. I've not found the Chief being asked that question let alone use the resources to get a police presence out there.
- The Chief doesn't want to put out the names of local offenders publicly is my understanding. He's lucky he'll never see them where he lives, but our local residents and businesses will.

That's enough for now, but as you can tell I've spent time on this.

Thanks
James

From: Ron Kerr <Ron.Kerr@CobourgPSB.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 7:20 PM
To: James Bisson [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Delegation to Oct 17 meeting

Hi James

I am not concerned about you being a little late in your submission. I will instruct Sue to include you on the Agenda.

As Chair I can extend your presentation time by an additional 5 minutes which I have no problem doing. I would recommend that you limit your presentation next Tuesday to the time allocated so you may wish to focus on the issues of greatest concern to you. You can always appear before the Board another time if you wish.

Can you give me an approximate number of how many may be attending so we can assure we have ample space.

See you Tuesday.

Regards

Ron

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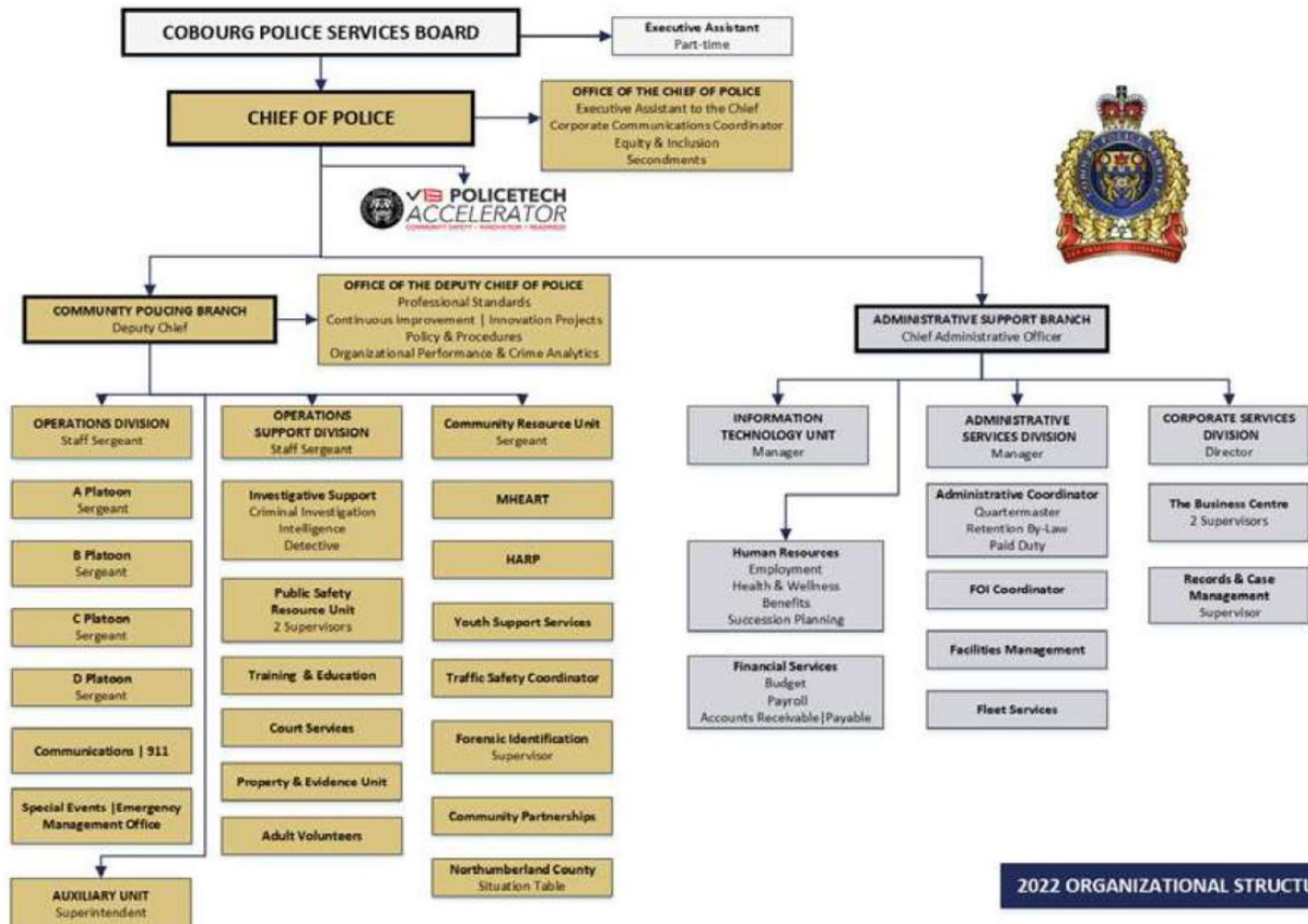
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REVIEW OF 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



2022 ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

NON-VIOLENT CRIME STATISTICS

CRIME RATE	REPORTED CRIME	CLEARANCE RATE
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2022: 2,242



2021: 1,954

2022: 460



2021: 401

2022: 36%



2021: 43%

VIOLENT CRIME STATISTICS

CRIME RATE	REPORTED CRIME	CLEARANCE RATE
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2022: 1,160



2021: 1,214

2022: 238



2021: 249

2022: 77%



2021: 88%

CRIME STATISTICS

Violation	2019	2019 Solved	2020	2020 Solved	2021	Unfounded	Actual	Solved	% Solved	Unsolved	% Unsolved
Homicides	0	NA	0	NA	0	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA
Robbery	9	33%	5	40%	3	0	3	2	67%	1	33%
Sexual Offences	25	53%	18	78%	18	2	16	15	94%	1	6%
Aggravated Assault	0	NA	1	0%	4	0	4	4	100%	0	0%
Assault with a Weapon/Bodily Harm	23	96%	21	86%	27	0	27	25	93%	2	7%
Assault Level 1	218	88%	171	95%	116	10	106	95	90%	11	10%
Assault Peace Officer	12	100%	11	100%	10	0	10	10	100%	0	0%
Criminal harrasment	25	55%	19	100%	24	5	19	16	84%	3	16%
Indecent/harrasing communication	35	88%	12	83%	20	1	19	16	84%	3	16%
Utter Threats	62	62%	61	75%	52	7	45	37	82%	8	18%
Break and Enters	68	25%	55	20%	69	11	58	15	26%	43	74%
Motor vehicle thefts	25	40%	15	53%	14	4	10	3	30%	7	70%
Fraud	138	30%	68	53%	84	2	82	36	44%	46	56%
Drug offences	40	100%	31	94%	47	0	47	46	98%	1	2%
Arson	4	0%	0	NA	2	0	2	1	50%	1	50%

* SOLVED INCLUDES VICTIM/COMPLAINANT DECLINES TO PROCEED.

** UNSOLVED INCLUDES INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO PROCEED.

 INCREASE IN CLEARANCE RATE COMPARED TO 2020

 DECREASE IN CLEARANCE RATE COMPARED TO 2020

- 1) Align our service delivery model with community needs.
- 2) Enhanced response to mental health calls for service.
- 3) Enhance Internal Communication.
- 4) Promote a culture that embraces equity, diversity, and inclusion.
- 5) Enhance transparency and community trust with using data and technology.

Category	2021		2022		Change	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	%
Police General	7,387,837	6,746,869	7,538,191	8,101,792	(2.04)	(20.08)
Court Services	862,876	1,198,114	1,107,892	1,209,274	(28.40)	0.93
Court Administration	234,294	295,604	387,432	351,561	(65.36)	(18.93)
Facilities	201,000	205,402	207,800	2,184,748	(3.38)	(6.35)
Police Services Board	88,072	84,469	116,968	185,158	(32.81)	(119.20)
Recoveries, Grants, and Transfers	2,300,789	2,057,166	2,704,042	3,411,991	17.53	65.86
Total Net Expenditure (Tax Levy Allocation)	6,473,290	6,473,292	6,654,241	6,654,424	2.80	2.80

For residential taxpayers in Cobourg, this year's tax rate of .0084929 represents a 2.80% increase from the 2021 tax rate.

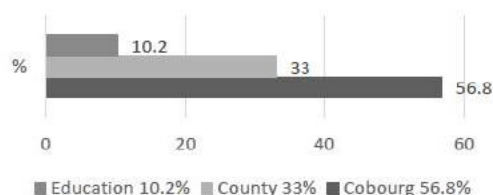
The impact of this increase coupled with an average 0.544% assessment increase is set out below. There is also a comparison of your 2021 and 2022 tax bills on Schedule 2 of your bill.

RESIDENTIAL TAX BILL

(based on a 0.544% Assessment Increase)

	(Average Assessed Value)	
	\$275,700	\$277,200
	2021	2022
Municipal	\$2,278	\$2,354
County	1,320	1,368
Education	421	424
Total Taxes	\$4,019	\$4,146

Residential Tax Distribution



Where do my Municipal Tax Dollars go?

The Municipal portion of the average \$4,146 tax bill is \$2,354 or 56.8% of the bill. This represents a monthly charge of \$196.16.

Below are some of the services you receive for your tax dollars.

SERVICE COST \$/MONTH



Payment Options

Pre-authorized Payment Plan

We allow taxpayers to pay their taxes on a monthly basis, free of administration fees. An application form is enclosed or can be found on our website at www.cobourg.ca.

Online Banking/Telephone Banking

At most financial institutions, our payee name is listed as "Cobourg Taxes". Your 15-digit roll number starting with zero and ending with a minimum four zeroes is required for setup.

Drop Box

There is a 24-hour drop box located on the west side of Victoria Hall located at 55 King Street West, Cobourg, Ontario.

Mail

Payments should be forwarded to the following address:

Town of Cobourg – Finance Department
55 King Street West
Cobourg, Ontario K9A 2M2

We accept postdated cheques. The cheque should be dated for the due date to avoid penalty.

Credit Card

We offer a credit card payment option, this is provided by Paymentus Corporation, an independent third-party who provides an automated payment service that accepts Visa and Mastercard. There is a fee charged by Paymentus for this service. The link to this can be found on our website at www.cobourg.ca



THANKS!