



Cobourg Police Service

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Chief of Police

Board Report:

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Mr. Dean Pepper, Chair
and members of the Cobourg Police Services Board

Subject: Weekend And Statutory Holidays (WASH) court video system

Chief's Recommendation: "That the Cobourg Police Services Board review and file for information."

Report:

On weekends and statutory holidays, prisoners held in custody to appear in court for release, or remand, do so by way of video appearance. All of these WASH and bail courts video systems run through the provincial governments "Justice Video Network".

Previously, prisoners for WASH or bail appearances were brought to the Cobourg OPP detachment for video appearances. Currently, the Cobourg Police Service utilizes the system below, that is available in Port Hope. In using these two Service's facilities, WASH and bail appearances resulted in additional staffing needs for transport and prisoner monitoring by Special Constables and/or on-duty uniform officers as the prisoners were ours to care for and monitor.

To reduce staffing dollars, transport and monitoring requirements, the Cobourg Police Service is utilizing funding that is available within the computer reserve to purchase a stand-alone WASH and bail court video system.

A one-time purchase of hardware and software, shipping and full install will cost \$7295.72 with guaranteed video and audio service. There is a recurring cost of \$651 per month (\$7812 yearly) to provide support and maintenance as required.

The Ontario Government's Justice Video Network does all the install, set up etc. and the video systems are run through a Bell private network.

Respectfully Submitted,

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