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# Cobourg Police Service

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Chief of Police

## Board Report:

In Camera Session: NO

Date of report: January 27, 2021  
Date of meeting: February 16, 2021

Mr. D. Pepper, Chair  
And members of the  
Cobourg Police Services Board

**Subject: Ontario Police Technology Information Cooperative (OPTIC) – Executive Position**

**Chief's Recommendation: "That the Cobourg Police Services Board receives the following for information."**

**Motion: "That the Cobourg Police Services Board receives the report."**

## Background:

OPTIC currently consists of 34 Municipal Police Services, 6 First Nation Police Services, the Ontario Provincial Police, the Enforcement Branch of the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Enforcement Branch of the Ottawa Transit and the University of Toronto Campus Police who collectively share the Niche Records Management System and the Intergraph Public Safety Computer Aided Dispatch System. The systems are hosted and supported by the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services. Justice Technology Services, a division of the MCSCS, provide liaison, program management and technical support to the Co-operative. This technology impacts on the day-to-day functions of some 8,000 Ontario police officers and 4000 Civilian support staff.

The purpose of OPTIC (Ontario Police Technology Information Co-operative) is to provide state of the art information technology and data management systems, including but not limited to, Records Management (RMS) and Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) systems through a shared data network to Approved Agencies.

OPTIC is focused on ensuring that the "frontline" has access to technology they require to do their job effectively and safely in order to meet the information requirements of "Intelligence Based Policing". Interfacing with other applications will continue to be a main area of future development for OPTIC to ensure the transfer of data between justice partners is carried out in an automated and seamless manner.

## **Report**

I have been a Board Member of OPTIC for approximately 4 to 5 years. At the recent Board meeting held on January 26, 2021 the Board elected me to sit as Treasurer for the Board. OPTIC employs an Executive Director and a bookkeeper that own the bulk of the responsibility for the day to day accounting and banking requirements.

The role has responsibilities of presenting the financial report at the monthly Board meeting, preparing the annual budget in cooperation with the Executive Director and minimal banking requirements.

It is an honour to be elected into this position within OPTIC.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul VandeGraaf  
Chief of Police