



# Cobourg Police Service

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## Board Report:

In Camera Session: No

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Date of meeting: January 19, 2021

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.

At the Cobourg Police Services Board meeting of January 11, 2021, a cost analysis was requested to determine what was the true cost of escorting prisoners to Port Hope Police Service for this purpose. As you can see from the chart below the costs in 2020 totaled \$12,333.33. This is assuming that the Special Constables providing the escorts were at the top pay grid. If they were at the lowest pay grid, the total would have been \$10,612.64.

What is not measured in this total is the time away from Cobourg whereby other duties could be completed. Had the accused person been within our Detention Centre, we would not have required two Special Constables to perform security. One Special Constable would have sufficed until such time as we needed to move the person within the facility.

The annual costs are below what we currently spend, the initial expenditure would take two years to achieve the return on investment. I would recommend that the initial expense be taken from the computer reserve that is over \$100,000.00.

With these numbers in place, I continue to support the purchase and installation of the WASH court Video System.

	# of Escorts	Time Spent Driving	Duration of Bail Process	Level 1 at 33.79
March	3	1.5 hours	3.5	\$236.53
April	8	4 hours	19.75	\$1,334.71
May	12	6 hours	30	\$2,027.40
June	13	6.5 hours	32.25	\$2,179.45
July	16	8 hours	32.75	\$2,213.24
August	7	3.5 hours	20	\$1,351.60
September	5	2.5 hours	13.75	\$929.22
October	7	3.5 hours	18	\$1,216.44
November	4	2 hours	6.25	\$422.37
December	3	1.5 hours	6.25	\$422.37
<b>2020 Sub-Total</b>	<b>78</b>		<b>182.5</b>	<b>\$12,333.33</b>
<b>Total incl food</b>				<b>\$12,463.17</b>

Respectfully Submitted,

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