

**Regional Municipality of Waterloo
Strategic Planning and Budget Committee
Agenda**



Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2023
Regular Session: 10:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers

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1. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest under the “Municipal Conflict of Interest Act”

The following is the remainder of the Strategic Planning and Budget Committee which was recessed for the Strategic Planning and Budget Public Input meeting.

2. Other Business

2.1 Councillor Rob Deutschmann Notice of Motion

Recommended Motion:

Whereas the safety of our community is the most important priority for elected officials;

And whereas the provision of safety in the community comes in many forms and from many groups;

And whereas the Waterloo Region Police Services performs a very prominent and important role in ensuring safety in our community;

And whereas the Region of Waterloo has recognized the importance of upstream services in preventing crime through ongoing financial support for services that enhance food security, housing security, drug addiction services, mental health services, immigration and refugee services, to name a few of the many services currently supported by the Regional Municipality of Waterloo;

And whereas it is acknowledged that the population of the Region of Waterloo continues to grow, and with this growth brings the need to adequately support a police service that is capable of providing for safety in our community;

And whereas the Region of Waterloo approved the hiring of 35 FTEs for 2022;

And whereas the Waterloo Region Police Services Board (WRPSB) is seeking a further increase of 19 FTEs for 2023, representing a 7.2% budgetary rate increase for 2023, or a monetary increase of \$18,299,610.00;

And whereas it is recognized that in order to ensure safety in our community, the Regional Municipality of Waterloo must find a balance to ensure that we have a sufficiently funded and staffed Waterloo Region Police Services and continuing support for upstream services;

Be it resolved that the budget as presented by the Waterloo Region Police Services Board be rejected by Regional Council and be sent back to the Waterloo Region Police Services Board for review;

And be it further resolved that the Waterloo Region Police Services Board return with a budget that provides for an expansion no greater than 8 FTEs as provided in the WRPSB Budget presentation of November 9, 2022, representing a 1% growth which is consistent with Region of Waterloo population growth for the last two years, with a start date of April 1, 2023;

And be it further resolved that the Regional Municipality of Waterloo will consider the funds, that represent the difference between the WRPSB request for a 7.2% budgetary increase and the amended, WRPS budget rate increase, and the Regional Municipality of Waterloo will direct all or some portion of the funds to upstream services.

3. Adjourn

Recommended Motion:

That the meeting adjourn at x:xx x.m.