

Budget Expenses- 2026

Smiths Falls Police

Chief J Empey

Background

- In 2024 the Provincial Government replaced the Police Services Act to the Community Safety and Policing Act
- That changed everything, particularly to ensuring services were adequate and effective under these new standards
- Smiths Falls Police Services' Board enhanced the requirements by increasing staffing, re-developing the strategic plan and ensuring the service met the needs of adequacy through training, equipment and development

Capital Projects

- Mobile Interview Kit – AXON- \$70,000 (Grant funding approved)
- Annual Vehicle Replacement- \$100,000 (hybrid Ford Explorer)
- NG 911- \$25,000 (reserve annual funding for future growth)
- Tablets for Cruisers- \$24,000
- CAD Mapping- \$73, 675 (requesting pre-budget approval to keep this 2025 pricing)
- New Emergency Antenna upgrades for new water tower- \$50,000
- Roof repairs to station containers- \$20,000
- Total = \$362,675.00

Operating Budget

- Increase budget to \$6,755,632
- 3% overall increase
- Grant funding assists in minimal increase
- Staffing and facility upgrades as well as overall increase in expenditures to maintenance, repairs

Operating for 2026

- Increase staffing for adequate and effective policing
- Staffing total as of end of 2025 of officers is 28 but we were down to 23 end of 2024 due to WSIB, retirements- required staffing for the CSPA requirements and conform to the PSB Strategic Plan
- Increase Special Constable to full time to support the front line
- Create a part time Special Constable to fulfill PSB obligation of adequate policing in detainee care and control
- Increase 2 part time Communicators to full time to alleviate the overtime for data downloading, replacing shifts and assisting officers with volume of paperwork
- Add an additional part time Communicator to off-set illness, vacations, time off
- Contractual increase 2.75% salary
- Growth in population in Smiths Falls and the needs of this community means more officers required to sustain the service
- Calls are more complex as far as what is required under the CSPA
- Add a Crime Analysis position through grant funding (pulled from our Civilian compliment as a Communicator)

Community First

- Our motto is Community First
- Quick response times to 911 calls for service
- Front line response
- Traffic enforcement
- Community engagement
- CIB units to undertake specialty calls for service



Community involvement

- Our staff continue to engage positively in our community
- Having a full time Community Service Officer embedded allows for this front line approach not just to traffic enforcement but also engaging in schools, events and assisting the front line officers on the road



Public safety and Crime Prevention

- Increase in compliance checks
- Increase in traffic related stops which increases criminal charges
- Increase in impaired driving offences
- Increase in proactive policing which therefore can decrease the crime in progress and prevent further crimes from happening

