

VIA EMAIL to <u>lwhite@brucecounty.on.ca</u>

April 10, 2025 Council for the County of Bruce

Re: 2024 Court Security and Prisoner Transportation (CSPT) Costs Allocation

I am writing on behalf of Council of the Municipality of Brockton to confirm that an invoice has been issued to the County of Bruce in the amount of \$183,384.00 for half of the 2024 Court Security and Prisoner Transportation (CSPT) costs, net of applicable provincial grant funding attributed to the Municipality of Brockton.

As a result the Municipality of Brockton remains committed to continuing our partnership with the County of Bruce in advocating to the Province of Ontario for enhanced and sustainable funding for court security and prisoner transportation. We realize firsthand the financial pressures these services place on municipalities and we support a unified approach in working toward a long-term solution.

We would also like to take this opportunity to reiterate the importance of a fair and equitable approach to funding these services. As court services are accessed by residents from multiple lower-tier municipalities, the associated costs should also be shared proportionately among all benefitting municipalities.

Accordingly, we respectfully recommend that the County of Bruce consider incorporating the full CSPT funding shortfall into its operating budget in future years. Allocating this shortfall proportionately through the general levy would ensure a more balanced and equitable distribution of costs, reflecting actual service usage across the region.

We appreciate the ongoing collaboration between our municipalities and thank you for your responsiveness to the needs of Brockton residents. Should you require any further information or wish to discuss this issue further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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