

Amherst

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2025/26 Budget: Police Department

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Amherst Police Department

- The Amherst Police Department is committed to serving the needs of our citizens by continuously working closely with our community partners to ensure a safe and prosperous town.
- Our approach to ensuring the safety of our residents utilizes values we hold most dear:
 - Integrity
 - Honesty
 - Dedication
 - Kindness
 - Dignity
 - Compassion
 - Inclusiveness
- We rely on the relationships we have built within our community as ensuring the priorities of the community are *our* priorities enables us to effectively work together to identify needs and implement solutions.





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Our staffing includes:

- Chief, Deputy Chief and Inspector
- 16 Uniform Patrol members who are assigned to 4 platoons
- 3 members in our Major Crime Unit
- 2 members in our Integrated Street Crime Unit who are partnered with members in the Cumberland RCMP
- Additional Uniform members for long-term shortages
- 1 School Resource Officer
- 1 Civilian Crime Prevention Coordinator
- 24-hour dispatch for Police and Amherst Fire Department
- Civilian admin
- By-Law Officer

= 35 Full time + numerous other part-time employees





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2025/26 Operational Budget - \$5,780,479

\$ 546,438 total increase from prior year

Most significant increases are a result of:

- Wages/Salaries
 - Collective agreement and step salary increases
 - Budgeted \$122,800 in wages to backfill for long-term shortages for members on WCB – Total with benefits - \$150,000 (funded from Operating Reserve);
- Blue Cross/Benefits - \$20,000 increase in mental health services from APA/TOA Contract
- WCB Rate increase – increased to 8.15 from 5.04 for police
- New Body Camera lease - \$21,000 per year
- Dress Uniforms – Operational Budget - \$52,000 (funded from Operating Reserve).





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NET COST OF POLICING:

- Expenditures: \$ **\$5,780,479**
- Revenue: \$ 418,800
- Net cost: \$ 5,361,679





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Questions?

