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Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 7:02 PM
To: Budget Committee <BudgetCommittee@london.ca>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2024 Budget and Excessive Police Funding

To Whom it May Concern,

I am frustrated and dismayed to hear of the 2024 budget breakdown and specifically the massive amount slated for the London Police Service. The spending is excessive for a city of our size especially considering the many needs that are being put on the back burner in favour of police funding.

I agree that our city is growing and we need to address those needs. Increased police presence should not be the main focus of any growing city. Public transit, infrastructure, public services, social services, and affordable housing are also important for a growing city, yet all of those initiatives are being put by the wayside so that we can grow our police force.

The budget cannot be allowed to stay as it is. I ask for further research on call times including those that involve the unhoused population and mental health. I ask the council to defer the vote on the LPS budget and open hearings with the community before a final decision is made.

Regards,

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