

# **Support for SRO decision**

## **Delegation to Council**

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Here to express support for Council's March 2024 decision not to continue a contract to provide an SRO in MoK schools.

This informed decision reflects:

- Fiscal responsibility
- Strategic alignment
- The lack of evidence of effectiveness of and evidence of potential harms of School Resource Officer programs

## Fiscal responsibility

- \$77,007.45 cost to the municipality can be diverted to other programs and services

## Strategic alignment

MoK strategy & guiding principles

- Alignment with the “Supporting Responsible and Effective Government” focus area
- Informed decision making guiding principle

# Lack of evidence of effectiveness and potential for harms

- Limited evidence from the literature on the effectiveness of SROs in schools
- Outcomes of the program in the MoK have not been measured

Evidence of:

- Potential negative impact on school climate
- Potential for criminalization of adolescent behaviour
- Disproportionate impact on minority students

# Our Ask

We ask that Council not vote to reconsider their March 2024 decision.

Consider investing those funds in alternative evidence-based supports for youth in our community.