

Council moves to request funding for CCTV camera expansion

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At Council's May 26 meeting, local lawmakers moved to formally request \$500,000 from the Region of Peel to support the expansion of Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) camera infrastructure within Caledon.

Within the motion, tabled by Mayor Annette Groves, it states that the Caledon OPP have identified continued demand from residents for expanded CCTV coverage in key locations throughout the Town.

Previous investments and funding have resulted in the use of 78 cameras across the municipality.

Caledon OPP has previously shared with Council that the coverage has assisted in numerous ongoing investigations.

The motion states that funding previously allocated for CCTV expansion has largely been committed, with limited remaining balances available.

Additionally, any further investment would support crime deterrence, assist law enforcement and investigations, and contribute to safer communities.

The proposed expansion is valued at approximately \$500,000 and is not currently included in the approved 2026 budget.

Therefore, Council unanimously approved that the Town of Caledon request funding from the Region of Peel, and that staff will be directed to work in collaboration with Caledon OPP to identify priority locations, implementation timelines, and cost estimates for the additions.

"I've had several discussions with our detachment commander as well as Sergeant Rai," said Mayor Groves at the meeting. "I know that those cameras have been very effective in assisting the OPP with investigations and some of the issues they've been dealing with. I've also had a lot of feedback from the public, because one of the things that these cameras do is they really provide a sense of security and safety for our public."

Groves added that officers cannot work 24/7, and these cameras operate 365 days a year, 24/7.

Councillor Dave Sheen voiced his support for the motion and requested that a description be made available to the public so they know what these cameras are used for and how.

The request will be sent to the Region of Peel for consideration as part of their reserve allocation decisions.