



# The Thunder Bay Police Services Board

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## **BOARD APPROVES LARGEST-EVER FUNDING PROPOSAL FOR THUNDER BAY AND AREA VICTIM SERVICES**

THUNDER BAY, ON, January 17, 2023 - Thunder Bay Police Services Board today approved a funding proposal of \$10,000 for Thunder Bay and Area Victim Services, the largest funding commitment the Board has ever undertaken.

Thunder Bay and Area Victim Services offers emotional support, and referral services, while providing advocacy and practical assistance to victims of crime and tragic circumstances. For many people who are affected by crime, it is imperative that a crisis line that is designed to meet the needs of its community, partners, and members, be available.

Through this funding, The Thunder Bay Police Services Board is ensuring a reliable crisis line continues to be accessible. The funds will cover the cost of the telecommunications involved in crisis line response for 2023.

### **Quotes:**

#### **Malcolm Mercer, Acting Administrator, Thunder Bay Police Services Board**

"This is a significant funding announcement, and one that cements our commitment to the safety and wellbeing of members of the force and beyond. Thunder Bay and Area Victim Services are a key partner in serving victims of crime in our community and we are proud to be able to support them in their work."

#### **Penny Radford, Executive Director, Thunder Bay and Area Victim Services**

"Thunder Bay and Area Victim Services holds great respect and positive relationships with the detectives and the officers of Thunder Bay Police Services who make great contributions to our community by responding to victims of crime as needed. In providing this funding, Thunder Bay and Area Victim Services are receiving much needed support to enhance the well-being of our community and provide practical support to assist officers and detectives in their journey to keep our community safe."

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