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May 5, 2025

**Re: Owen Sound Police Service (OSPS) CSP Grant Application  
Letter of Support for City Guardian Pilot Project**

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the *River District Board of Management*, *Owen Sound* I am pleased to write to you in support of the Community Safety and Policing (CSP) grant that has been initiated by the Owen Sound Police Service to pilot a new City Guardian Project in Owen Sound's River District.

The Owen Sound Police Service and the *River District Board of Management* have been outstanding community partners and share in the goal of improving the safety and wellbeing of the Owen Sound community, particularly in the downtown core. Like OSPS, we recognize the need to improve safety and security in the River District and support the new role of dedicated Special Constables that will add visibility and help connect vulnerable individuals to healthy pathways.

The mission of the River District is to develop a vibrant and sustainable business, cultural and residential community by supporting initiatives aimed at improving, beautifying and promoting the River District on behalf of its members. Our vision remains to provide a vibrant, safe and fun Downtown for all who wish to visit, shop and enjoy the events in our city.

We recognize the essential work of OSPS in our community and the need for continued collaboration with community partners like ourselves to build a safer, secure and vibrant River District. We are keen to work with OSPS and support their proposed City Guardian Pilot Project. Thank you for accepting this letter of support for the Owen Sound Police Service's grant proposal.

Sincerely,  
David Parsons  
Chair  
River District Board of Management