

# **Police amalgamation meeting**

In Committee of the Whole last night, Council authorized the preparation of a by-law, executing an amalgamation agreement between the Bradford West Gwillimbury and Innisfil Police Services.

But before it can take effect, the decision must first be ratified in Council next week, the by-law prepared and voted on - and the Ontario Civilian Commission on Police Services (OCCOPS) must approve the proposal.

An OCCOPS public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 10th, at the Churchill Community Centre, 6322 Yonge Street, at 7:30 p.m. Interested residents are invited to attend.

In last night's debate, Councillors questioned a key clause in the agreement, which states that "the assets listed in Schedule B and owned by each municipality shall be transferred to the Corporation of the Town of Innisfil in Trust for the South Simcoe Police Service."

Noting that he hadn't seen Schedule B, Councillor Dennis Roughley asked, "Does this mean we're going

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to relinquish, as a municipality, a building?", referring to the Bradford Police station.

He was reassured by Innisfil Police Chief Bruce Davis that "buildings remain the property of the municipality that owns them. They are not included in any list of assets."