

Opposition to Amalgamation

Although Innisfil Council was unanimous in passing a motion approving the amalgamation of the Innisfil and Bradford West Gwillimbury Police Services earlier this month, there was some opposition to several aspects of the proposal.

Of key concern was the proposed closure of the Innisfil Police Station during the evening hours; only the Bradford station, which would house the dispatch services, would remain open 24 hours a day.

Innisfil Councillors were reportedly also concerned that the merger might result in

reduced service for Innisfil residents, by increasing the policing ratio, and the number of residents per uniformed officer. The change would be part of efforts to hold to a 0% increase in the police budgets of both municipalities, for the first two years after amalgamation.