



## Legislation Text

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### **DEPUTATION CONCERNING MOTION 20-G-118 THE 2021 BUDGET AND BUSINESS PLAN DIRECTIONS**

**Ms. Amber Beckett** provided a deputation concerning motion 20-G-118 the 2021 Budget and Business Plan Directions. Ms. Beckett discussed that she had put a comment on the Make a Suggestion Page to put 10% of the Barrie Police Service Budget towards community support and that this suggestion has already reached over 1100 people in support. She noted that the police do not have an easy job with all the different calls and matters they must address. Ms. Beckett commented on the incremental increases in the Barrie Police Service Budget since 2016 and future projections and noted that tax dollars are not infinite and that we may not giving other services the funding they require. Ms. Beckett advised that several communities have been requested to abolish their police forces or reduce their budgets. She spoke to her observation that the majority of calls to police are not criminal and that by requesting a reduction to the Police Service Budget to 90% of their funding, she believes that this could be put toward more community support. Ms. Beckett requested to discuss this matter further with members of Council.