

**MORE PRIVACY FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME***New Grant To Improve Cobourg's Police Station***NEWS**

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The Cobourg Police Service is receiving a grant from the Attorney General's Civil Remedies for Illicit Activities program for a new interview room that will give victims of crime increased privacy when they are working with police and making statements.

The new interview room will give victims of crime increased privacy and help to ensure they are treated with respect and compassion. The plan also includes increasing accessibility, while preserving the historic nature of the Cobourg Police Service headquarters building.

The police service will make these improvements using a grant of \$34,564, received through the Civil Remedies Act. The grant is from funds forfeited under the Civil Remedies Act that allows the Attorney General to provide grants to support police services that prevent unlawful activities and help keep our communities safe.

**QUOTES**

"These funds will help the Cobourg Police Service create the facilities they need to work with victims of crime in the community. With the right tools, police will be able to move forward with investigations with the minimum amount of intrusion for the victim."

— Chris Bentley, Attorney General

"The Cobourg Police Service and the community it serves are very pleased to be able to fund a new state-of-the-art witness statement recording system that has been made possible by this grant from the Attorney General under the Civil Remedies Act."

— Chief Paul Sweet, Cobourg Police Service

"Our government is working to ensure the resources are there for local needs that will offer help to victims and their families. We are working with community agencies to provide exceptional supports and services to victims."

— Lou Rinaldi, Member of Provincial Parliament for Northumberland-Quinte West

**QUICK FACTS**

- Since November 2003, \$10.8 million in property has been forfeited to the Crown under provincial civil forfeiture law. An additional \$40 million in property is frozen pending the completion of civil forfeiture proceedings.
- Civil forfeiture proceeds have funded approximately \$1.2 million in compensation to victims of unlawful activity and \$3.4 million in grants to law enforcement agencies.

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