

**Chair Suzanne Valiquet Verbal Report**  
**Public Meeting**  
**March 27, 2023**

Exercise of Delegated Authority

- **I want to take this opportunity to publicly report on some approvals that were done by myself and the Vice Chair under delegated authority that was provided by the Board at the last meeting.**
- **As a reminder, at the February meeting Vice Chair Fakirani and I were provided authority to approve special constable appointments in relation to the Presidential Visit that would expire at the end of this month.**
- **I can advise that a total of 140 appointments were approved under our delegated authority.**

Auto Theft Summit

- On March 10, the Executive Director and I were invited to attend an Auto Theft Summit in Peel, that was hosted by the Peel Regional Police Services Board and the Peel Regional Police Service.
- Since 2018, there has been a nearly 90% increase in auto thefts among the police services in attendance at the summit.
- One of the key takeaways from this summit was that the extreme rise in auto thefts being experienced across this

province, and even across the country, is a much greater public safety risk than the property crime alone.

- While property crimes still have impacts on the victims involved, perhaps even more concerning is that auto thefts have become a major contributor to organized crime funding, as well as funding for terrorist activities beyond our borders.
- It was reassuring to see all three levels of government present at the summit as this issue will require multi-sectoral, nation-wide efforts.

### St. Patrick's Day & Presidential Visit

- And finally, I wanted to take a moment to recognize the OPS Executive Command and all of the members of the Service for their hard work during an extremely busy month.
- In addition to regular operations, OPS had major operations to coordinate with respect to St. Patrick's Day as well as the Presidential Visit.
- From a community safety standpoint, both of these events were a great success and showcased the professionalism of the Service in handling major events in this City as well as the ability to apply lessons learned from past events.
- The Service was also very diligent in keeping the Board, as well as City Officials, informed throughout.
- On behalf of the Board, Chief, I want to thank you and your members.
- I know these operations require a lot of planning and many resources.
- This concludes my verbal report.

