

**Report to / Rapport au:**

**OTTAWA POLICE SERVICES BOARD  
LA COMMISSION DE SERVICES POLICIERS D'OTTAWA**

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**SUBJECT: APPOINTMENTS MADE UNDER THE INTERPROVINCIAL POLICING  
ACT - 2023 ANNUAL REPORT**

**OBJET: NOMINATION EN VERTU DE LOI SUR LES SERVICES POLICIERS  
INTERPROVINCIAUX - RAPPORT ANNUEL 2023**

**REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

**That the Ottawa Police Services Board receive this report for information.**

**RECOMMENDATIONS DU RAPPORT**

**Que la Commission de services policiers d'Ottawa prenne connaissance du  
présent rapport à titre d'information.**

**BACKGROUND**

On December 15, 2009, the Interprovincial Policing Act (IPA) received Royal Assent in the Province of Ontario and was proclaimed on July 5, 2010. The Province of Québec gave assent to similar cross-border policing legislation at the same time.

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Under the IPA, the Appointing Officials are required to notify their police services board of any appointments made and/or terminated within the given reporting period, including the following information:

- Name of the province the extra-provincial police officer is from; and
- Duration of extra-provincial police officer appointment (which normally is set at three years unless there are special circumstances that would shorten that time frame).

The purpose of this report is to summarize for the Board the annual level of appointment activity under the Act.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **OPS Activities on Behalf of Out-of-Province Police Services**

In recent years, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) processed applications for out-of-province police services requiring status in the province of Ontario. However, in 2023, the OPS Chief of Police and Deputy Chiefs of Police were given Appointing Official status.

In 2023, OPS Appointing Officials processed zero applications for out-of-province police services requiring status in the City of Ottawa and province of Ontario to perform daily duties.

### **Quebec Activities on Behalf of OPS Officers**

In 2023, the Sécurité Publique Québec processed 195 applications (including renewals of previously approved applications which had expired) for Ottawa Police Service (OPS) officers requiring status in the province of Québec to perform daily duties, including returning accused persons on warrants in Québec and continuing investigations where witnesses or accused persons are located in Québec. The Sécurité Publique Québec has the authority to grant the appointment for the entire province or can limit it to certain geographic districts depending on the officer's duties and the scope of investigation. In 2023, all approved appointments were province wide.

s a result of the relationship OPS has established with representatives of the Security Publique of Quebec, the OPS was also able to facilitate the applications of seven members from other Ontario Police Services working with OPS on a joint task force for a sensitive investigation. The OPS had these approvals expedited and granted within 24 hours; the standard turn around time for regular applications is approximately 3 weeks.

This number of applications in 2023 represents a decrease from 2022 (315), however, is more representative of what is processed in a typical year; there were 193 applications processed in 2021 and 160 applications processed in 2020.

## **CONCLUSION**

The OPS is fortunate to have an excellent working relationship with its law enforcement partners, including Sécurité Publique Québec. The implementation of the IPA has facilitated the granting of police officer status to an officer from another province that may require this status on a regular or temporary basis in the execution of his/her duties. It has proven to be an effective manner to administer the granting of police officer status, and the reporting requirements ensure that the Board is aware of potential activity within its jurisdiction.