

Report to / Rapport au:

**OTTAWA POLICE SERVICE BOARD
LA COMMISSION DE SERVICE DE POLICE D'OTTAWA**

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**SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT MADE UNDER THE INTERPROVINCIAL POLICING ACT:
2024 ANNUAL REPORT**

**OBJET: NOMINATION EN VERTU DE LOI SUR LES SERVICES POLICIERS
INTERPROVINCIAUX: RAPPORT ANNUEL 2024**

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Ottawa Police Service Board receive this report for information.

RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT

Que la Commission de service de police d'Ottawa prenne connaissance du présent rapport à titre d'information.

BACKGROUND

The Interprovincial Policing Act (IPA) aims at enhancing police cooperation between Ontario and other provinces and territories. For instance, the Act is designed to ensure officers from Ontario can operate within Quebec on policing issues that cross provincial boundaries, such as large-scale investigations or major public events that require significant policing resources.

The IPA provides a mechanism whereby a Ministry-designated Appointing Official can grant police officer status to a police officer from another Canadian province or territory who is required to enter Ontario to perform policing duties. Limited and province-wide status is permitted under the Act. The IPA also provides indemnification for civil or criminal

administrative actions or proceedings that may be incurred while Ontario or Québec officers are performing duties outside of their home province.

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 Ottawa Police Service Board (the Board) the annual level of appointment activity under the IPA.

DISCUSSION

OPS Activities on Behalf of Out-of-Province Police Service

Historically, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has processed applications for out-of-province police services requiring status in Ontario; however, in 2023, the OPS Chief of Police and Deputy Chiefs of Police were given Appointing Official status.

In 2024, 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.

In 2024, Sécurité Publique Québec processed 326 applications (including renewals of previously approved applications which had expired) for 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 2024, all appointments for OPS members were province wide.

This number of applications in 2024 represents an increase from 2023 (195), however it is more representative of what is processed in a typical year. There were 315 processed applications in 2022 and 193 processed applications in 2021.

CONSULTATION

Consultations were conducted with the Labour Relations Branch and Frontline Operations to ensure appointments were made in compliance with applicable legislation and in support of operations in a timely manner.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There were no financial liabilities related to processing of interprovincial policing requests.

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 their 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.