



Peter Scislowski  
Acting Chief Special Constable  
Ottawa Transit Services Special Constable Unit  
1500 St. Laurent Blvd.  
Ottawa, ON K1G 0Z8  
Peter Scislowski

October 25th, 2024

The Honourable Michael Kerzner, MPP and Solicitor General of Ontario  
Ministry of the Solicitor General  
George Drew Bldg, 25 Grosvenor St  
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1Y6

Dear Minister,

I am writing to request your assistance in expediting the approval of the Special Constable employer application for the City of Ottawa's Transit Service Special Constable Unit. Delays in the review of our application have placed considerable operational stress on our team and have begun to seriously limit our ability to respond effectively to both routine and emergency needs on Ottawa's public transit system.

We currently have 21 employees who are ready to serve in Special Constable roles, but who are unable to be appointed until our application for Special Constable employer status has been approved. Without the necessary approvals, these staff members are limited in their capacity to perform the duties for which they were hired, which is creating operational strain across our system. This reduction in our capacity will soon be exacerbated by the anticipated launch of the new O-Train Lines 2 and 4, which will require an increased presence of Special Constables to support both passenger safety and infrastructure security.

We have made every effort to bridge these gaps through temporary assignments and other staffing adjustments; however, these measures are insufficient to meet the demand and leave us vulnerable to potential service disruptions and security challenges.

We respectfully request your assistance and intervention to help prioritize the review and approval of our employer application so that we may proceed with appointing these 21 individuals as soon as possible. This will enable our service to maintain the level of security Ottawa's transit riders expect and deserve.

It should go without saying that no criticism of the Ministry of the Solicitor General is intended by my letter. We acknowledge the hard work being accomplished by the Ministry in the face of high volumes of applications during this period of transition to the new legislative regime of the

City Of Ottawa  
Transit Services Department  
1500 St. Laurent Blvd.  
Ottawa, ON K1G 0Z8  
Tel: 613-580-2424 ext.52160  
Fax: 613-741-7359

Ville d'Ottawa  
Services de transport en commun  
1500, boul. St-Laurent  
Ottawa, ON K1G 0Z8  
Tél: 613-580-2424 poste 52160  
Télécopieur: 613-741-7359

The OC Transpo logo, consisting of the letters "OC" in a bold, black, sans-serif font, followed by the word "Transpo" in a blue, sans-serif font.  
[www.octranspo.com](http://www.octranspo.com)



Community Safety and Policing Act. Our interactions with Ministry staff to date have left us with a high regard for their professionalism and courtesy and we understand and appreciate the pressures they are facing in providing timely approvals for applications coming from all parts of the province. At the same time, I would be remiss in my duties if I did not highlight to you the unique strain that Ottawa's transit service is facing, that can only be resolved by the speedy approval of our application.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We are committed to continuing our successful collaboration with the Ministry to address any outstanding concerns to expedite this process. Please feel free to contact me directly at 613-552-6983 or by email if there is any further information I can provide.

Sincerely,

Peter Scislowski  
Acting Chief Special Constable  
Ottawa Transit Services  
Special Constable Unit