

**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*: 2015 ANNUAL REPORT**

**OBJET: NOMINATIONS EN VERTU DE LA LOI SUR LES SERVICES POLICIERS INTERPROVINCIAUX : RAPPORT ANNUEL 2015**

**REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

**RECOMMANDATIONS 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 and was proclaimed on July 5, 2010. Quebec gave assent to similar cross-border policing legislation at the same time.

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 new IPA also provides indemnification for civil or

criminal administrative actions or proceedings that may be incurred while Ontario or Quebec 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 Board the annual level of appointment activity under the Act.

## **DISCUSSION**

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

The Sécurité Publique Québec processed 289 applications in 2015 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.

The Gatineau Police Service has issued nine appointments in 2015 to OPS members for the City of Gatineau only.

### **Ottawa Police Service Activities on Behalf of Quebec Officers**

During 2015 the OPS granted 18 inter-provincial appointments to police officers from a police service outside of Ontario. These were all from the Gatineau Police Service. The appointments were all for a 3 year period.

Appointments issued for the entire province of Ontario are processed by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and appointments required for jurisdiction of the City of Ottawa, are processed by OPS. It is important to note that the majority of requests from agencies outside of Ontario are processed by the OPP as generally these investigations require travelling throughout the province of Ontario and not just within the jurisdiction of the city of Ottawa.

**CONCLUSION**

The OPS is fortunate to have an excellent working relationship with our Interprovincial partners (Gatineau Police Service and 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 Police Services Board is aware of potential activity within its jurisdiction.