



DATE: 23 March 2015

TO: Executive Director, Ottawa Police Services Board

FROM: Chief of Police, Ottawa Police Service

SUBJECT: **APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL CONSTABLES – OC TRANSP**

## RECOMMENDATION

**That the Ottawa Police Services Board approve the appointments of Evan Bates, Daniel Gauthier and Sarah Jane Pepper as Special Constables pursuant to Section 53 of the *Police Services Act*, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the attached Approval of Appointment form.**

## BACKGROUND

In December 2006, the Ottawa Police Service (OPS) Executive and OC Transpo administration approved the program for the OC Transpo Transit Special Constable Services. This appointment would enable the OC Transpo Special Constables to supplement the duty of law enforcement provided by the OPS in respect to Transit Services. Their appointments would continue for a period of five years.

The initiative was based on the desire to continually improve the delivery of policing services to the residents of the City of Ottawa by capitalizing on the existing co-operation between the OPS and OC Transpo. The opportunity existed to build on the interoperability of the two services and the goodwill gained.

To ensure that these employees can carry out their assigned duties, applications are made to the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services to have them appointed as Special Constables pursuant to Section 53 of the *Police Services Act*. The Police Services Board appoints the community members as Special Constables upon approval by the Ministry. The appointments are valid for five years.

## DISCUSSION

Approval has been obtained from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services for the appointment of these community members as Special Constables. Pursuant to Section

53 of the *Police Services Act*, upon receipt of the Board appointment of their status, the member will be required to undertake the Oath of Office by the Chief of Police.

#### CONSULTATION

Not applicable

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Not applicable

#### CONCLUSION

The OPS is fortunate to have an excellent working relationship with the OC Transpo. The approval of Special Constable status for these community members will enable them to undertake the full scope of their duties while assigned to the Ottawa area.

*(Original signed by)*

Charles Bordeleau  
Chief of Police

Responsible for report: Director General Debra Frazer