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DATE: 27 April 2015

TO: Executive Director, Ottawa Police Services Board

FROM: Chief of Police, Ottawa Police Service

SUBJECT: **APPOINTMENTS MADE UNDER THE
 INTERPROVINCIAL POLICING ACT: 2014 ANNUAL REPORT**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Ottawa Police Services Board receive this report for 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 on a quarterly basis 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

Quebec Activities on Behalf of OPS Officers

The Sureté du Québec (SQ) processed 49 applications in 2014 for Ottawa Police Service 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 SQ 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 Service de police de la ville de Gatineau (SPVG) issued 43 appointments in 2014 to OPS members for the City of Gatineau only in 2014. Seven appointments were terminated.

Ottawa Police Service Activities on Behalf of Quebec Officers

During 2014 the Ottawa Police Service granted 110 inter-provincial appointments to police officers from a police service outside of Ontario. These were all from SPVG. The appointment date was on August 15, 2014 and will expire August 15, 2017.

Appointments issued for the entire province of Ontario are processed by the Ontario Provincial Police (O.P.P) and appointments required for jurisdiction in 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 O.P.P as generally these investigations require travelling throughout the province of Ontario and not just within the jurisdiction of the city of Ottawa.

CONSULTATION

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Not applicable.

CONCLUSION

The implementation of the Interprovincial Policing Act (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.

(Original signed by)

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Responsible for report: Director-General Debra Frazer