

Report to / Rapport au:

**OTTAWA POLICE SERVICES BOARD
LA COMMISSION DE SERVICES POLICIERS D'OTTAWA**

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SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL CONSTABLES: RCMP

OBJET: NOMINATION D'AGENTS SPÉCIAUX : GRC

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Ottawa Police Services Board approve the appointment of the thirty-four (34) Royal Canadian Mounted Police members listed in Document 1 as Special Constables pursuant to Section 53 of the *Police Services Act*, in accordance with the terms and conditions in the attached Approval of Appointment form.

RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT

Que la Commission de services policiers d'Ottawa approuve les trente-quatre (34) nominations, à titres d'agents du Gendarmerie Royale du Canada spéciaux inscrits dans le document 1 en application de l'article 53 de la *Loi sur les services policiers* et conformément aux conditions énoncées dans le formulaire d'approbation de nomination ci-inclus.

BACKGROUND

In 2003, the Ottawa Police Services Board reviewed a recommendation concerning an ongoing integrated policing initiative that would see members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) appointed as Special Constables. This appointment would

enable the officers to enforce certain Ontario provincial statutes in the City of Ottawa. Their appointments would continue for a period of three 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 Ottawa Police Service (OPS) and the RCMP. The opportunity existed to build on the interoperability of the two services and the goodwill gained during special event policing, and to apply these concepts to day-to-day policing functions. The goal of this arrangement is to enhance policing capabilities for both the OPS and the RCMP.

In pursuing this initiative, the OPS had six key objectives:

- Additional back-up resources for OPS members responding to calls;
- Increase in community confidence;
- Enhanced current partnerships in co-operation with the RCMP;
- Reduced confusion regarding mandates and limits of authority;
- Enhanced response without usurping mandates;
- Elimination of artificial barriers.

The RCMP wanted to attain a number of important objectives with the appointments of their officers:

- Operational experience for patrol officers;
- Experience giving and gathering evidence;
- Increased opportunity for interaction with the public in a policing capacity;
- Enhanced response capability in the federal mandate;
- Streamlined communication;
- Team building.

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 RCMP members as Special Constable upon approval by the Ministry. The appointments are valid for three years or until the appointees are no longer deployed in Ontario.

DISCUSSION

Approval has been obtained from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services for the appointment and re-appointment of these members as Special Constables. Pursuant to Section 53 of the Police Services Act, upon receipt of the Board appointment of their status, the members will be required to undertake the Oath of Office by the Chief of Police

CONSULTATION

Not applicable

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Document 1 - Listing of Employees

Document 2 – Approval of Appointment Form

CONCLUSION

The OPS is fortunate to have an excellent working relationship with the RCMP. The approval of Special Constable Status for RCMP Members will enable them to undertake the full scope of their duties while assigned to the Ottawa area.

Document 1

Listing of Employees

1. Patrick Beauchamp
2. Sylvain Blanchette
3. Roger Cavanaugh
4. R. James Cooke
5. Eric Decoste
6. Jerry Denis
7. Ugo Desjardins-Robitaille
8. Dax Gilbert Stolan-Dessureault
9. Meaghan Doyle
10. Michel Forget
11. Michel Joseph Roland Fortin
12. Marie-Pier Gagne
13. Naoufal Ghorbel
14. Jason Hebert
15. Thomas Ian Jarvis
16. Maryse Laurin
17. Eric Christian Lee
18. Sylvain Lemoyne
19. Gabriel Letourneau
20. Andrzej Luthi
21. Nicholas Burton-Macleod
22. Marie-Claude Perrier
23. Michael Petrilli
24. Maria Pikus
25. Marie-Helene Poisson
26. Stephane Racicot
27. Michael John Ramsay
28. Jeffrey Michael Richard
29. Emmanuel Rojas-Grenier
30. Robyn Theresa Skakle
31. Tim Snow
32. Ashley Elizabeth Taylor
33. Sylvain Turcotte
34. Nikolaos Merkourios- Zouroudis