

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*: 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

OBJET: NOMINATION EN VERTU DE *LOI SUR LES SERVICES POLICIERS INTERPROVINCIAUX* : RAPPORT ANNUEL 2019

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. The Province of 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 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

Quebec Activities on Behalf of OPS Officers

In 2019, the Sécurité Publique Québec processed 287 applications (including renewals of previously approved applications that had expired in 2019) 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.

In 2019, all appointments were province-wide.

During 2019 the OPS did not grant inter-provincial appointments to police officers.

Appointments issued for the entire province of Ontario are processed by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP). 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 no longer just within the jurisdiction of the city of Ottawa.

CONCLUSION

The OPS is fortunate to have an excellent working relationship with our interprovincial partner 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 Board is aware of potential activity within its jurisdiction.