

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: 2021 ANNUAL REPORT**

**OBJET: NOMINATION EN VERTU DE LOI SUR LES SERVICES POLICIERS
INTERPROVINCIAUX: RAPPORT ANNUEL 2021**

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 IPA. 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 where 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 IPA.

DISCUSSION

Quebec activities on behalf of Ottawa Police Service (OPS) officers

In 2021, the Sécurité Publique Québec processed 315 applications (including renewals of previously approved applications which had expired in 2021) for 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 2021, all appointments were province wide.

This number represents a significant increase from 2020 (34), however it is more representative of what is processed in a typical year; there were 210 processed applications in 2018 and 287 processed applications in 2019.

The increase in processed applications in 2021 demonstrates further adaptation achieved by the OPS with respect the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic.

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.