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Greetings Section 10 OPP Board Members,

Allow us to share with you the latest CONFIDENTIAL information regarding the future of OPP governance, to help you prepare for and organize local solutions for OPP governance in the future according to our Government connections.

1. We expect the new Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA) to come into effect next year (2022). When it does, Section 10 agreements will be terminated, and section 10 boards will be dissolved. They will be replaced by one or more OPP detachment board for each OPP detachment, in accordance with section 67 of the CSPA.
2. Solicitor General staff assert that the CSPA seeks to provide every one of the 326 municipality and 43 First Nation community receiving OPP municipal policing services with greater civilian governance of police, by having the opportunity to represent their local perspectives, needs, and priorities. This, in turn, is intended to increase the responsiveness and transparency of OPP policing in these communities. Today only about 150 of these communities are represented in the police governance structure, while over 200 communities are not.
3. Following consultations like OAPSB's day-long OPP Governance Summit hosted last winter (where Section 10 board members from across Ontario discussed OPP detachment boards with the Solicitor General's staff who are drafting the regulations), the Ministry now plans to allow local municipalities and First Nation communities the flexibility to determine the composition of their local detachment boards, taking into consideration the unique factors impacting their local OPP detachment (e.g. geography, population size, and service demands).
4. The Ministry will provide certain criteria, which must be met before the Ministry will grant final approval of the composition of the various OPP detachment boards. We expect the Ministry to establish criteria like:
 - a minimum of 5 members on each board (no maximum)
 - community representatives selected by joint resolution of the involved councils
 - provincial appointments similar to those on municipal police boards

OPP governance has been one of our main advocacy areas for many years. We are extremely proud in our success, in partnership with other Associations, in bringing about a large number of our members' interests in the new Act, including:

- bringing police governance to 200 more communities,
- ensuring that local factors and local decisions drive the composition of future OPP detachment boards,



- preserving in legislation local OPP police board authority to determine local policing objectives, and
- creating a framework for synchronizing detachment board plans with OPP GHQ Orillia plans, at the detachment level.

These features are in the best interests of our members as well as communities they serve, and we are extremely proud to have succeeded on everyone's behalf. Going forward, we will continue to collaborate with the Solicitor General's staff and the OPP to ensure effective board transitions and board training, updating our members as we go. OPP Detachment Boards will be featured prominently in this year's Spring Conference.

Meanwhile, in a recent survey Directors identified the following benefits of membership in OAPSB:

- By advocating for public safety legislative changes, with one voice, on behalf of all members, we all stand a greater chance of influencing the government agenda (as we have demonstrated above!)
- By providing members with up-to-date information on changes to legislation and regulations, our members are better informed, better prepared and more empowered
- By providing training resources and references on-line, our members have better access to skills development and learning
- By providing networking and information exchange opportunities at zone meetings, conferences and seminars, our members are better informed and validated
- By providing advice where and when requested, our members can get discrete help whenever they ask
- By responding to members' needs and requests, our members are better assisted and supported
- By providing leadership among police boards, our members are better represented
- By partnering with the leadership of other Associations, our membership strength and influence is multiplied

We see all of these benefits applying to every section 10 board this year, every transition to detachment boards, and every future detachment board.

In closing, we hope you find this update useful, and that you will be able to participate in our upcoming virtual Spring Conference and AGM, May 26-28.

Thank you sincerely for your service in police governance.

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Patrick Weaver
OAPSB Chair

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OAPSB Executive Director