



Municipality of Wawa

Staff Report - Maury O'Neill, CAO-Treasurer



For: Mayor and Council	Report No.: CAO 2021-04
Date: May 12, 2021	Council Meeting Date: May 18, 2021

Superior East OPP Detachment Board - Composition

Staff Recommendation

THAT Council receive Report No. CAO 2021-04 dated May 12, 2021, and approve the following Resolution at its next Regular Meeting;

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa under the Community Safety Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA) has been provided an opportunity to participate in the development of a proposal to form a Superior East OPP Detachment Board;

AND WHEREAS the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa supports the appointment of one representative from each of the communities included in the Superior East OPP Detachment service area comprised of Dubreuilville, Chapleau, Hornepayne, Wawa, White River, Hornepayne First Nation and Michipicoten First Nation along with two Provincially appointed representatives, a minimum of one which shall be reserved for a Wawa Resident, to the new O.P.P. Detachment Board;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Municipality of Wawa supports the proposed composition of the Superior East OPP Detachment Board and will submit a joint proposal to the Ministry of the Solicitor General by June 7, 2021, on behalf of all communities.

Report Purpose

To confirm Municipal Council's direction on the number of seats it would request on a newly formed Superior East O.P.P. Detachment Board, to be outlined in a proposal made in partnership and agreement with the surrounding communities of Chapleau, White River, Hornepayne, Dubreuilville, Michipicoten First Nation and Hornepayne First Nation which is to be submitted to the Solicitor General by Wawa prior to June 7, 2021.

Background

The Ontario Solicitor General has developed an OPP Detachment Board Framework that requires all 326 municipalities and 43 First Nations receiving direct or supplemental services from the OPP to create at least one board per OPP detachment area that reflects local perspectives, needs and priorities and provides opportunities for Municipalities and First Nations to collaborate on efforts to improve community safety.

A joint proposal from the communities comprising the Superior East O.P.P. Detachment area is due by June 7, 2021. The communities involved in the Superior East Detachment include;

- Chapleau
- Dubreuilville
- Hornepayne
- Wawa
- White River
- Hornepayne First Nation
- Michipicoten First Nation

Consensus on composition is required to submit a proposal by the deadline and all OPP Detachment Boards must meet the following base requirements:

- Minimum size of five (5) members;
- 20% Community Representation; and
- 20% Provincial Representation (as appointed by the Ministry).

The names of individuals who will participate on OPP Detachment Boards are not required by June 7, 2021. The Ministry is looking to understand the number of seats each municipality and First Nation will be allocated, as well as the number of community representatives and provincial appointees. Municipalities and First Nations will have the ability to nominate individuals for consideration as provincial appointees. The Ministry has recommended to District staff that community representatives should not be elected officials or municipal staff members. If a proposal does not meet the minimum requirements, or is not submitted, the Ministry will determine the composition of the detachment board in question.

OPP Detachment Boards will include responsibilities not required for Section 10 Boards under the PSA (1990). Specifically, OPP Detachment Boards will be responsible for:

- Considering any community safety and well-being plan adopted by a municipality that receives policing from the detachment;

- Establishing local policies, in consultation with the detachment commander, with respect to policing in the area receiving policing from the detachment;
- Ensuring local action plans prepared by the detachment commander address the objectives and priorities determined by the board;
- Consult with Commissioner on selection of a detachment commander;
- Monitor the performance of the detachment commander; and
- Provide an annual report to the municipalities and band councils served by the OPP.

OPP Detachment Boards will also provide a venue for the municipalities and First Nations within a detachment area to coordinate and collaborate on strategies to address common issues that are not present under the PSA.

It is the understanding of municipal staff that there will be no substantive changes to the OPP billing process because of the creation of OPP Detachment Boards. Funding or the breakdown of the costs of running a new Detachment Board is unknown currently.

For Council's Consideration

Wawa assumed the lead role in reaching out to all communities in the regional detachment area and organized a training session with the Solicitor General at the end of April then held a meeting on May 5, 2021, with the six other communities to discuss a response to the Detachment Board proposal survey.

All participating Mayors and Chiefs at the last meeting, which did not include Wawa, recommended and agreed that a new Superior East Detachment Board should include equal representation from all communities, meaning one appointee per community regardless of population and household size.

Participants also agreed that Wawa act as the responding community on behalf of all partners to the proposal call. Attached is a copy of the proposed and draft response to the "OPP Detachment Board Proposal Form Development" to be submitted by June 7, 2021, which will be reviewed by all communities at a meeting scheduled for May 27, 2021, at 11:00 a.m.

Wawa has the highest population and household count in the region and pays the most towards local policing at about \$900,000 per year (2021). The populations of other participating communities are:

COMMUNITY	POPULATION	HOUSEHOLDS
WAWA	2,905	1,280
CHAPLEAU	1,964	870
HORNEPAYNE	980	410
WHITE RIVER	645	305
DUBREUILVILLE	613	250
TOTAL	7,107	3,115
<u>FIRST NATION</u>		
MICHIPICOTEN	n/a	n/a
HORNEPAYNE	n/a	n/a

Wawa’s population represents about 35%-40% of the population of the region. As an example, if an OPP Detachment Board consisted of 9 members, then Wawa’s representation on the Board based on population would be three (3) members based on population.

There are concerns regarding the new Superior East O.P.P. Detachment Board’s power to change regional policing programs and potentially add additional costs to the local policing budget affecting local taxpayers and municipal budgets.

As the proposal to form a new Detachment Board must be submitted in full cooperation and agreement with all communities, Wawa Council should consider agreeing to the proposed one (1) representative per community model as all other communities have agreed.

If Wawa does not agree, then it will not be included in the submission to the government and the Solicitor General will dictate Wawa’s representation.

To ensure Wawa had a more equal and representative vote on the new Board, Wawa Council could request that one of the two positions to be appointed by the Province to the O.P.P. Detachment Board be reserved for a Wawa resident.

This proposal would require the agreement of the regional communities to be included in the June 7, 2021, submission tot eh Solicitor General.

Options/Conclusion

Municipal Council has the following options to consider regarding the proposal due to the Province from the participating communities by June 7, 2021;

- a) Approve that Wawa and each participating community have one seat per community on the newly formed OPP Detachment Board. With two provincial representatives, the Board would consist of 9 members.
- b) Approve that Wawa and each participating community have one seat per community on the newly formed OPP Detachment Board and that one of the two provincial representatives, be a Wawa resident.
- c) Request that participating communities agree and support that Wawa have additional seats on the OPP Board based on population, up to three (3) seats on the Board.
- d) Indicate to the participating communities that Wawa withdraws from the proposal and will not participate in a submission. This will mean that the Province will dictate how many seats the Municipality of Wawa will receive on the newly formed Board.

Staff recommends that Wawa Mayor and Council select option b) above.

Submitted By: 

Maury O'Neill
CAO-Treasurer

Attachments

- Draft O.P.P. Submission to the Province for a Superior East OPP Detachment Board.
- Letter from the Solicitor General.

DRAFT – Superior East OPP Detachment Board proposal May 27, 2021

RESPONSES IN RED

Purpose

Municipalities and First Nation Communities in an OPP Detachment are being asked to collaborate and develop a proposal indicating the composition of their OPP detachment board(s).

Please Note: Individual responses will remain confidential and made available only to ministry staff responsible for the dissemination of the form and analysis of results.

Objectives

To determine the composition of each OPP detachment board.

To determine the number of OPP detachment boards.

Please complete and submit your proposal form by **June 7, 2021**.

Questions

Q1: Please select which OPP detachment you are filling this form on behalf of.

A1: Drop down

Answer: Superior East

Q2: Please select which Municipality/First Nation is responding on behalf of the detachment.

A2: Drop Down

Answer: Wawa

Q3: Have you received approval to provide a coordinated response to the ministry on behalf of all the Municipalities/First Nations within the OPP detachment?

A3: **Yes**/No.

If No is selected for Q3, show Q3.1

If Yes is selected for Q3, show Q4

Q3.1: Provide a rationale as to why approval has not been received to provide a coordinated response on behalf of all the Municipalities/First Nations within the OPP detachment.

A3.1: Free Text

Answer: Not applicable

Q4: How many Municipalities/First Nations are receiving OPP policing from the detachment (including your Municipality/First Nation)?

A4: Drop down list (1-50)

Answer: 7

Q5: Please select all the Municipalities/First Nations that will be participating on the OPP detachment board (including your Municipality/First nations).

A5: Multiple Select Options

Answer: Pick Communities but Hornepayne First Nation not listed

Q6: Please list the population size of each Municipality/First Nation within the detachment (including your Municipality/First Nation)?

(i.e., *Municipality 1 - 50,000; Municipality 2 - 75,000*)

A6: Free Text

NOTE: REQUIRE CONFIRMATION OF FIRST NATION POPULATION

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WAWA	2,905	1,280
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HORNEPAYNE	n/a	n/a

Q7: Please indicate the number of OPP detachment board(s) that are going to be established within the OPP detachment.

A7: Drop down list (1-50)

Answer: One

Q7.2: Please list the number of Municipalities/First Nations that are included (including your Municipality/First Nation) within each OPP detachment board.

(i.e., *Detachment Board 1: 5;*

Detachment Board 2: 4)

A7.2 Free Text

Answer: Wawa, White River, Dubreuilville, Hornepayne, Chapleau, Michipicoten First Nation, Hornepayne First Nation

Q7.3: Please list all of the Municipalities/First Nations that are included within each detachment board (including your Municipality/First Nation).

(i.e., *Detachment Board 1: Municipality 1, Municipality 2;*

Detachment Board 2: Municipality 1, Municipality 2)

A7.3: Free Text

Answer: Wawa, White River, Dubreuilville, Hornepayne, Chapleau, Michipicoten First Nation, Hornepayne First Nation

Q7.4: Please list the population size of each Municipality/First Nation within each detachment (including your Municipality/First Nation)?

(i.e., Detachment Board 1: Municipality 1 - 100,000, Municipality 2 - 50,000;

Detachment 2: Municipality 1 - 25,000, Municipality 2 - 75,000)

A7.4: Free Text

SEE Question #6 - same

Q7.5: Please list the number of board member seats that each detachment board will be comprised of?

(i.e., Detachment 1: 5;

Detachment 2: 7)

A7.5: Free Text

ANSWER: 7

Q7.6: Please indicate the number of seat(s) that would be allocated to each Municipality/First nation that is represented on each detachment board.

(Detachment 1: Municipality 1 - 5, Municipality 2 - 3;

Detachment 2: Municipality 1 - 2, Municipality 2 - 3)

A7.6: Free Text

ANSWER: Each community would have one representative

Q7.7: Has a municipality/First Nation forfeited their seat(s) on the board(s)?

A7.7: Drop down list (Yes, No)

ANSWER: NO

Q7.8: Please indicate which Municipality/First Nation has forfeited their seat(s) on the detachment board(s).

(i.e., Detachment Board 1: Municipality 1 – 3 seats;

Municipality 2 – 1 seats)

Not applicable

Q7.9: Please indicate why the identified municipality(s)/First Nation(s) has forfeited their seat within the board?

Not applicable

Q7.10: Please indicate the no. of community representatives within each detachment board.

ANSWER: 7

Q7.11: Please list any administrative resources/infrastructures required to support the establishment of each detachment board.

ANSWER: List will include:

- **Technology devices (e.g. I-pad) - To participate virtually per member.**
- **Travel and training budget – to include cost to travel to meetings in host community and attend annual conference and training.**
- **Secretarial and Support Services (contracted) – A paid position (e.g. Secretary) for coordinating meetings, keeping minutes, sending meeting invites, etc. required.**
- **Funding – A budget will be required for the Detachment Board with each community supported but paying it's own costs.**
- **Other – Advertising and promotions, supplies and related.**

Q8: How many board members (i.e. seats) will the detachment board be comprised of?

A8: Drop down list (1-50)

ANSWER: 9

Q9: Please indicate the number of seats that would be allocated to each municipality/First Nation that is represented on the detachment board.

(i.e., Municipality 1: 3;

Municipality 2: 4;

Municipality 3: 2)

A9: Free Text

ANSWER: 7 seats total – One seat per community/municipality

Q10: Has a municipality/First Nation forfeited their seat on the board?

A10: Yes/**No**

Q11: Please indicate the number of community representatives within this board.

A11: Drop down list (1-50)

ANSWER: 7

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By email

March 18, 2021

Dear Heads of Council and First Nations Chiefs:

I am writing to provide you with an update on the new Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachment boards under the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA).

As you may remember, in February 2020, the Ministry of the Solicitor General conducted seven regional roundtable sessions across the province. Discussions at these sessions focused on new OPP-related regulatory requirements under the CSPA. Municipalities and First Nation communities receiving policing services from the OPP were invited to learn more about new OPP-related legislative and regulatory requirements and provide the ministry with feedback to inform the development of related regulatory proposals. In addition, we heard from many of you through various letters and engagement opportunities, including meetings with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario MOU Table and Rural Ontario Municipal Association about what you would like your new OPP detachment board to look like.

In response to your feedback, an OPP detachment board framework has been developed that we hope will provide municipalities and First Nation communities receiving direct and/or supplemental services from the OPP the flexibility to create a board that reflects your community and local needs.

Under this framework, municipalities and First Nation communities receiving direct and/or supplemental services from an OPP detachment are being asked to submit one proposal (per detachment) indicating the composition of their board and, if needed, a rationale for multiple boards and the composition of each additional board.

Municipalities and First Nations within a detachment are asked to work together to determine the composition of their board(s) as well as the manner in which they will submit their proposal to the ministry. For example, after determining the composition of the detachment board(s), municipalities and First Nations within a detachment area may select one municipality or First Nation to complete and submit the proposal.

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Proposals must meet base requirements set by the ministry, which include a minimum number of five members per board and a requirement that each board should be composed of 20% community representatives and 20% provincial appointees. To that end, municipalities and First Nations are not required at this time to identify the names of the individuals that will be participating on the detachment board. Rather, you are only asked to identify the number of seats each municipality and First Nation will be allocated on the detachment board as well as the number of community representatives and provincial appointments.

To streamline and support the proposal process, the ministry has developed a digital form that can be accessed using the link included [here](#).

The ministry will work with municipalities and First Nations to obtain outstanding information/proposals and support you in submitting a completed proposal. If, however, a proposal still does not meet the minimum requirements, or a proposal is not submitted and/or if no consensus is reached on the composition of the board then the ministry will determine the composition of the detachment board.

Completed proposals are to be submitted to the ministry by **Monday, June 7, 2021**.

We recognize the significant implications that the current COVID-19 emergency has had on municipalities and First Nations across the province. To this end, in addition to the written supporting material attached here, we are also pleased to work with you directly through virtual information sessions.

If you have questions related to OPP detachment boards under the CSPA, please contact Sarah Caldwell, Director of Community Safety and Intergovernmental Policy, at sarah.caldwell@ontario.ca. If you have questions about the proposal process or would be interested in a virtual information session, please contact Joanna Reading, Senior Policy Advisor, at joanna.reading@ontario.ca

Sincerely,



Sylvia Jones
Solicitor General

Enclosures

c: Chief Administrative Officers

Municipal Clerks



CONTEXT

- Ontario passed the *Comprehensive Ontario Police Services Act, 2019* (Bill 68) and established the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA) which, once in force, will repeal the *Police Services Act, 1990* (PSA).
- Section 67 of the CSPA requires there be **an Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachment board, or more than one OPP detachment board**, for each detachment of the OPP that provides policing in a municipality or in a First Nation community.
- The Ministry is required to develop a regulation related to the composition of each OPP detachment board. To achieve this, the ministry has developed an "OPP Detachment Board Framework".

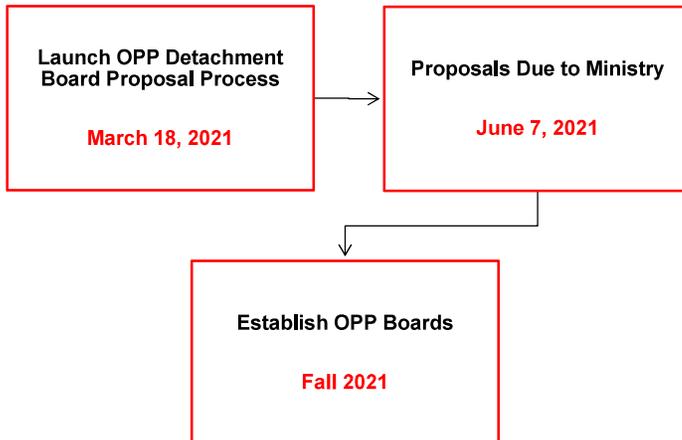


FRAMEWORK

- The new **OPP Detachment Board Framework** will provide civilian governance to 326 municipalities and 43 First Nations including those that:
 - Are directly policed by the OPP;
 - Employ their own First Nations Constables but receive administrative support from the OPP; and
 - Receive "OPP Dedicated" policing (i.e. North Caribou Lake and Wapekeka First Nation).
- By enhancing civilian governance, the **OPP Detachment Board Framework** under the CSPA will:
 - Ensure each municipality and First Nation receiving OPP services and supports has an opportunity to represent their local perspectives, needs, and priorities; and
 - Provide opportunities for municipalities and First Nations to collaborate on efforts to improve community safety.



TIMELINES



PROCESS



- To ensure the objectives of the **OPP Detachment Board Framework** are met, the ministry has developed a flexible approach that allows municipalities and First Nations to determine the preferred composition of their detachment board(s) by submitting a proposal using a digital form provided by the ministry.
 - Link to Digital Form: [OPP Board Proposal Form](#)
- Municipalities and First Nations within a detachment will be required to work together to develop and submit **one proposal** indicating the composition of their board(s). The proposal must meet the minimum composition requirements established by the ministry (**See Page 2 & Qs and As**).
- Municipalities and First Nations will not be required to identify the names of the individuals that will be participating on the detachment board but will be required to identify the number of seats each municipality and First Nation will be allocated on the detachment board as well as the number of community representatives and provincial appointments.
- The ministry will work with each municipality and First Nation to obtain outstanding information and provide support to ensure each detachment submits a completed proposal. However, a proposal does not meet the minimum requirements set by the ministry or a proposal is not submitted, and/or if a detachment is unable to come to a consensus, the ministry will determine the composition of the detachment board(s).
- The ministry is offering virtual information sessions for municipalities and First Nation communities to address outstanding questions and clarify concerns related to the proposal requirements and process, upon request.

OPP DETACHMENT BOARD COMPOSITION REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Size	5 members
Maximum Size	None
Community Representatives	20% Community Representation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Province to appoint community representative(s) if municipal council/band council fail to appoint representatives by joint resolution.
Provincial Appointments	20% Provincial Appointees



CONTACT INFORMATION

General Information/OPP Detachment Board Proposal Process	Community Safety and Intergovernmental Policy Branch Joanna Reading (Joanna.Reading@ontario.ca)
Civilian Governance Options for First Nations	Indigenous Engagement Unit Ashley O'Connell (Ashley.OConnell@ontario.ca)

Q1: What are the key differences between the section 10 board framework under the *Police Services Act (1990) (PSA)* and OPP detachment board framework under the *Community Safety Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA)*?**A1:**

- The OPP currently polices 326 municipalities. Of these, only those under a section 10 agreement have access to civilian governance. This means there are 178 municipalities that do not participate on a board and as a result do not have access to civilian governance.
- Under the CSPA, all municipalities receiving OPP policing services will have the opportunity to participate on an OPP detachment board.
- In terms of the roles and responsibilities of board members, the role of OPP detachment boards will include additional responsibilities not required for section 10 boards under the PSA (1990) such as:
 - considering any community safety and well-being plan adopted by a municipality that receives policing from the detachment;
 - establishing local policies, in consultation with the detachment commander, with respect to policing in the area receiving policing from the detachment; and
 - ensuring local action plans prepared by the detachment commander address the objectives and priorities determined by the board.
- Under the CSPA, OPP detachment board members will be required to:
 - consult with the OPP Commissioner on the selection of a detachment commander;
 - monitor the performance of the detachment commander; and
 - provide an annual report to the municipalities and band councils served by the OPP.
- OPP detachment boards will also provide a venue for the municipalities and First Nations within a detachment area to coordinate and collaborate on strategies to address common issues that is not present under the PSA.

Q2: What does the transition to the new OPP detachment board framework mean for municipalities and First Nations currently receiving policing services by the OPP?**A2:**

- Until the Act comes into force, the ministry will continue to renew section 10 agreements that are set to expire in 2021.
- However once the CSPA comes into force all existing section 10 agreements will be terminated, and Section 10 boards will be dissolved.
- To do this, the ministry is committed to providing sufficient time and adequate supports to municipalities currently participating on a Section 10 board or, in the case of municipalities that receive OPP policing without a formal agreement/contract (i.e. Section 5.1 municipality), a Community Policing Advisory Committees (CPAC) as they dissolve their current board structures and transition to the new OPP detachment board model.

Q3: When will the CSPA come into force?**A3:**

- The ministry is working towards the act being proclaimed in early 2022.

Q4: Which municipalities and First Nations are included in the OPP detachment board framework?**A4:**

- The OPP detachment board framework provides civilian governance to the municipalities and First Nations receiving policing from OPP detachments.
- More specifically, the framework includes 326 municipalities currently policed by the OPP.
- The First Nations included in this framework include the 43 First Nations that:
 - are directly policed by the OPP (i.e., zone policing without a funding agreement);
 - employ their own First Nations Constables but receive administrative support from the OPP (i.e., "OPP-Administered" policing under the Federal First Nations Policing Program (FNPP)); and
 - receive "OPP-Dedicated" policing (i.e. Stream Two agreements under the FNPP).

Q5: What role will municipalities and First Nations have with respect to the OPP Detachment Board proposal process?**A5:**

- Municipalities and First Nations in each OPP detachment area will be required to submit one proposal indicating the composition of their board and the rationale for multiple boards and the composition of each additional board, if multiple boards are being recommended.
- The ministry will only accept one proposal per detachment.
- Municipalities and First Nations within a detachment will be required to work together and determine the approach for developing and submitting their proposal to the ministry.
 - For example, after determining the composition of the detachment board(s), the municipalities and First Nations within a detachment may select one municipality or First Nation to complete and submit the proposal.

Q6: What information is the ministry requesting in the proposal form?**A6:**

- Municipalities and First Nations within a detachment area will be required to submit a proposal indicating the composition of their board(s).
- Municipalities and First Nations will not be required to identify the names of the individuals that will be participating on the detachment board. Rather, they will be required to identify the number of seats each municipality and First Nation will be allocated on the detachment board as well as the number of community representatives and provincial appointments.
- If a municipality and/or First Nation chooses not to participate on a detachment board and forfeits their seat, they will be required to indicate this in the proposal.

Q7: Factors to consider when requesting more than one detachment board.**A7:**

- The CSPA allows an OPP detachment to establish one, or more than one, OPP detachment board.
- Detachments that are considering requesting more than one detachment board should consider factors such as:
 - Geography (e.g. distance between municipalities and First Nations);
 - Variations in population size and;
 - The number of municipalities and First Nations within an OPP detachment; and
 - Service demands (e.g. calls for service).
- However, if proposing more than one OPP detachment board, municipalities and First Nations should also consider challenges associated with recruiting board members (e.g. inability to fill vacancies) and the costs associated with operating additional boards.

Q8: Will municipalities/First Nations that are receiving policing and/or supports and services by two OPP detachments be allowed to participate on both OPP detachment boards?**A8:**

- Yes. Municipalities and First Nations that are receiving policing and/or supports and services by two OPP detachments can participate on both OPP detachment boards, or can choose to participate on only one OPP detachment board.
- Representation must be determined in collaboration with the other municipalities and First Nations within the OPP detachment, as a consensus on the composition of the OPP detachment board is required.
- Municipalities that wish to be represented on both OPP detachment boards will be required to cover the costs associated with participating on two boards (i.e. operational costs).

Q9: What is considered a “completed” proposal?**A9:**

- Each detachment will be required to complete one proposal using the digital form provided by the ministry. The link to the digital form can be found here: [Ontario Provincial Police Board \(OPP\) Proposal Form](#).
- A completed proposal must be submitted using the digital form provided by the ministry and meet the minimum composition requirements provided by the ministry.
- The ministry will work with each detachment to obtain outstanding information/proposals and support them in submitting a completed proposal.
- If however in the end if a proposal does not meet the minimum requirements set by the ministry or a proposal is not submitted, and/or if a detachment is unable to come to a consensus, the ministry will determine the composition of the detachment board.

Q10: What support will the ministry provide municipalities and First Nations throughout the OPP detachment board proposal process?**A10:**

- Virtual information sessions, led by the ministry, will be made available upon request for municipalities and First Nation communities to address outstanding questions and clarify concerns related to the proposal requirements and process.
- If your detachment is interested in a virtual information session, or have other inquiries related to the OPP detachment board proposal process, please forward your request to the ministry to Joanna Reading via email at Joanna.Reading@ontario.ca.

Q11: What is the purpose of provincial appointments on OPP Detachment Boards?**A11:**

- Provincial appointees will provide advice to the board as public representatives whose appointments are independent of municipal/ward councils.
- However, to ensure members of the detachment board are reflective of the communities they serve, the municipalities/First Nation Chief and Councils will have the ability to nominate individuals for consideration as provincial appointees.

Q12: Will the government address the current backlog in provincial appointments?**A12:**

- We know there are concerns related to the number of vacant provincial appointments and the length of time these appointments remain unfilled.
- We have made significant progress in reducing the backlog of provincial appointments. Since our government took office in 2018, we have filled approximately 124 provincial appointment vacancies on section 10 boards.
- We will continue to work with municipalities and First Nations to ensure provincial appointees are recruited and appointed in a timely manner.

Q13: Why are First Nations with Self-Administered Police Services not included in the OPP detachment board framework?**A13:**

- First Nations that receive policing from a Self-Administered First Nation Police Service (SA FNPS) are not included in the OPP detachment board framework as they are already represented on boards and/or have their own police governing authorities.
In addition, SA FNPS boards have existing relationships and alternate methods to communicate their input to the OPP with respect to supports and services the OPP provides to their communities.

Q14: Are there other civilian governance options for First Nation communities that are captured within the OPP detachment board framework?**A14:**

- As an alternative to participating on an OPP Detachment board, under the CSPA First Nations have the option to request to form a First Nation OPP Board.
- Where a First Nation or multiple First Nations has entered into an agreement with the Minister for the provision of policing and other specified services by the Commissioner, the First Nation(s) may request that the Minister constitute a First Nation OPP board.
- A First Nation OPP board would perform similar functions and responsibilities as an OPP Detachment board by providing advice and oversight over the policing services provided by the OPP to a First Nation community or communities.
 - This includes determining objectives and priorities, supporting development of the strategic plan, and advising the Detachment Commander with respect to policing provided to a First Nation community or communities.
 - A First Nation OPP board could also establish local policies, in consultation with the OPP, with respect to the detachment's provision of policing.
- Please contact Ashley O'Connell, Indigenous Engagement Unit, Ministry of the Solicitor General at Ashley.OConnell@ontario.ca for more information on requesting a First Nation OPP Board.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**Q15: What training will OPP detachment board members be required to complete?****A15:**

- Members cannot perform their duties or exercise any of their powers until they have successfully completed the training identified in the CSPA.
- More specifically, like all other boards and councils governed under the CSPA, OPP detachment board members will be required to successfully complete training with respect to:
 - human rights and systemic racism;
 - the diverse, multiracial and multicultural character of Ontario society;
 - the rights and cultures of Indigenous peoples; and
 - any other training prescribed by the Solicitor General.

Q16: Will municipalities be able to request enhanced OPP policing services (e.g., beyond basic “adequate and effective” policing) under the CSPA?**A16:**

- Under the CSPA, municipalities that receive policing from the OPP may enter into agreements for enhanced policing services.
- Municipalities will continue to be responsible for funding and implementing enhancements.

Q17: Once the CSPA is in force, will municipalities within a detachment receive one billing statement (i.e., a single invoice for the entire detachment)?**A17:**

- There will be no substantive changes to the billing process.
- Municipalities will continue to be billed individually.

Q18: Will there be an opportunity to provide additional feedback on other OPP-related matters for regulation?

A18:

- All OPP-related matters for regulation will be posted on the Ontario Regulatory Registry for public comment.