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Nationally recognized expert bringing strategic leadership and direction to police oversight in Ontario

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TORONTO — The Ontario government has taken another step to improve policing in the province by appointing Ryan Teschner as the new Inspector General of Policing. Mr. Teschner is an experienced leader in community safety, police governance and public administration. He will be responsible for the Inspectorate of Policing, an independent organization to monitor police and police board performance as well as promote improvements to public safety.

"I am delighted to welcome Mr. Teschner as Ontario's Inspector General of Policing – the first and only role of its kind in Canada," said Solicitor General Michael Kerzner. "He is a nationally recognized expert who has worked throughout his career to help enhance public safety, modernize police governance and oversight, and build public trust."

Mr. Teschner begins his new position on March 27, 2023. Ken Weatherill, who has been serving in the role on an interim basis, will continue to serve as the Deputy Inspector General.

"I want to extend my sincerest thanks and appreciation to Ken Weatherill for his contributions as Inspector General of Policing and Deputy Inspector General," said Solicitor General Michael Kerzner. "We are grateful that he will continue to serve as Deputy Inspector General to help lead the province in the delivery of effective policing for all Ontarians."

Quick Facts

- Mr. Teschner led significant organizational change at the Toronto Police Services Board as Executive Director and Chief of Staff from 2018-2023.
- Working for the Government of Ontario as Special Counsel to the Deputy Minister of Community Safety, and the Ministry of the Attorney General, Mr. Teschner helped develop new policing and oversight legislation.

- Mr. Teschner is the recipient of the 2021 Canadian Association of Police Governance [Award for Excellence in Police Governance](#) in recognition of his commitment, leadership and significant contributions to the enhancement of civilian police governance in Canada.
- A graduate of the University of Toronto and Osgoode Hall Law School, Mr. Teschner was called to the Ontario Bar in 2006 and has worked as a litigator, where he practiced in the areas of regulatory, administrative, constitutional and commercial law, and has appeared as counsel in all levels of court, including the Supreme Court of Canada.
- Under Mr. Weatherill's leadership, the Inspectorate of Policing has developed into a new, modern regulatory organization ready to deliver on its legislative requirements under the [Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019](#) once in force.

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