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Mayor/Reeve and Clerk/CAO/Treasurer,

First, I would like to congratulate all recently elected officials and wish you great success in your new roles.

2018 has been a year of substantial accomplishments such as the transitioning of another two municipalities to the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), multiple contract renewals, and countless presentations to municipal councils throughout the province. OPP Municipal Policing Bureau staff will strive to make great progress to continue to build municipal relationships through excellent communication, contract and financial management.

As some of you may know, the government appointed Commissioner Thomas Carrique as the 15th OPP Commissioner to lead the police service in its 110 year history. Following the announcement of his appointment, Commissioner Carrique stated he is extremely grateful for and deeply honoured by the confidence placed in him by the provincial government and the Ministry of the Solicitor General to serve alongside the dedicated and professional members of the OPP, in a leadership role. We are all looking forward to strengthen our relationship with the municipalities the OPP polices under Commissioner Carrique's leadership.

The *Comprehensive Ontario Police Services Act, 2019*, received Royal Assent on March 26, 2019. Other than Special Investigation Unit modernization section, all other sections have not yet been proclaimed into force. This act creates the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA)*, which will come into force on a date that has not yet been determined by government. Relevant regulations to the CSPA are currently being written. This will eventually lead to the legislation coming into force. When this new legislation comes into force, the current *Police Services Act, 1990, (PSA)* will be repealed. Until then, the PSA remains in force. We will keep you informed on this progression.

Recently, you or staff members of your municipality have been contacted by our members to build awareness of the resources available to you, such as our webpage www.opp.ca/billingmodel materials, and offer to answer any of the questions you may have on the billing model and present to your municipalities, if necessary. Thank you for your feedback.

In an effort to bring our communication to the next level, our bureau announced the implementation of the ePost mailing system. Your municipality will be sent instructions to set-up up to three ePost user accounts (Mayor/ Reeve, CAO/Clerk, PSB Chair (if applicable)) to allow for more efficient and innovative distribution of the annual billing statements and other correspondence. The ePost system is run by Canada Post and is official and legal mail. This system has been operated by Canada Post for 19 years, and has

been adopted throughout the country by numerous municipalities and various pension and pay organizations. The intention is to provide timely and reliable information to our hundreds of municipalities and avoid the unreliable nature of the current mailing system.

I would like to welcome your views or any comments you may have to enhance our communication and invite you to ask questions of myself or any member of the OPP Municipal Policing Bureau through email at OPP.MunicipalPolicing@opp.ca or by phone at (705) 329-6200.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marc Bedard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Marc" and last name "Bedard" clearly distinguishable.

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