

Hon. Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General Ministry of the Solicitor General <u>sylvia.jones@ontario.ca</u>

Sent by Email

April 29, 2021

Dear Hon. Minister Jones,

On behalf of the Council of the Municipality of Brockton we would like to inform you that the Brockton Police Services Board wishes to submit a proposal under the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* in order to establish their own O.P.P. Detachment Board within the South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment. The Brockton Police Services Board has noted several exemptions they feel would be applicable in order to maintain their own South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment Board, including:

- Brockton has the highest policing cost per household in detachment area
- Walkerton is host to the Bruce County Courthouse (Court security and prisoner transport costs)
- Brockton's unique rural geography
- Brockton's variation in population size from other surrounding municipalities
- Public interest in ongoing review of service demands (Calls for service)

On April 27, 2021 Brockton Council endorsed the following resolution passed by the Brockton Police Services Board:

Resolution: Moved by T. Elphick Seconded by C. Kunhnke

Whereas the Province of 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);

And Whereas Section 67 of the CSPA states that 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;

And Whereas the Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton has entered into a policing contract with the OPP until June 30, 2022;

And Whereas there are unique circumstances to the Municipality of Brockton, including but not limited to: highest policing cost per household in detachment area; host to the Bruce County Courthouse (court security and prisoner transport costs); unique rural geography; variation in population size from other surrounding municipalities; and the public interest in ongoing review of service demands (e.g. calls for service);



Now Therefore the Brockton Police Services Board recommend that the Council of the Municipality of Brockton authorize the preparation and submission of a proposal to the Province of Ontario in that the Municipality of Brockton be authorized to establish their own OPP detachment board within the OPP: South Bruce Detachment;

And Further Be It Resolved, subject to the approval of the Province, it is recommended that any costs associated with establishing an OPP detachment board within the Municipality of Brockton continue to be appropriately budgeted in the annual Brockton Budget in each calendar year.

And Further Be It Resolved that the final submission to the Province of Ontario be copied to MPP Lisa Thompson.

Carried.

We value your consideration of the Brockton Police Services Board's request and look forward to hearing from you. We would appreciate receiving a response as soon as possible prior to the June 7, 2021 deadline for proposal submissions.

Sincerely,

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