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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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To Members of Kingsville Police Services Board and Town Council

RE: 2020 OPP Governance Summit

On Thursday, January 30, 2020, I had the opportunity to attend the above noted governance summit in Toronto to specifically work with the membership of the Ontario Association of Police Service Boards (OAPSB) and their current review of the legislative requirements pertaining to the OPP and Section 10 PSBs.

There were several areas of importance to our community and area police service boards at the government moves towards writing the regulations for the new Community Safety & Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA) which is coming into play replacing the original Police Services Act of 1990. The summit served as a 'policy day' for the legislative framework in the modernized CSPA and with support from the OAPSB and representatives from the Ministry of the Solicitor General, provided a review of the pending legislative requirements and ongoing work that the Ministry itself was engaging in specific to OPP Governance Matters for regulation. I have provided copies of the detailed presentations that outline the principles that the Ministry is utilizing in the development of the 'to be announced' regulations.

Just for a statistical point of reference in Ontario, there are 63 OPP Regional Detachments that represent 263 municipalities today. Our regional detachment is the Essex County Detachment, which hosts five municipalities, including Kingsville. The new Act has identified that Section 10 Boards will no longer be cited in legislation and that they be replaced by proposing OPP Detachment Boards be installed for the region as the new order. There are significant changes and requirements proposed for members being appointed to the new boards and the attachments herein best detail those parameters. Further, an OPP Advisory Council will be coming soon as well in keeping with new pieces of the legislative framework. Again, the regulations around this are not written yet but the process is underway.

In this effort to respond, our municipal council and police service board membership has provided some considerations and concerns prior to this meeting, and our five joint municipal police service boards have also been working collaboratively to help identify a local solution that may work best for our proposed regional board. The goal is to ensure representation is maintained at this larger board for our communities. Included in this package is the effort and comments that our joint police boards have developed to date. More refining is expected over the next few weeks.

Finally, the province has announced a series of upcoming OPP Regional Roundtable Session where the Solicitor General has invited further input and discussion with municipalities, and band councils regarding these OPP-related regulatory changes under the CSPA, 2019. Both myself, and our Kingsville PSB Vice-Chair Will Chisholm are scheduled to attend in London, on February 19, 2020.

Sincerely,

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