

**MEMORANDUM TO:** All Chiefs of Police and  
Commissioner Thomas Carrique  
Chairs, Police Services Boards

**FROM:** Richard Stubbings  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
Public Safety Division

**SUBJECT:** *Liquor Licence and Control Act, 2019 - Special  
Constable Appointments*

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As you may be aware, effective November 29, 2021, the *Liquor Licence and Control Act, 2019* (LLCA) and its regulations came into force, and the *Liquor Licence Act* (LLA) and its regulations were repealed. The ministry is aware that many special constables were conferred police powers under the LLA, pursuant to section 53 of *Police Services Act*.

I am writing to you today to confirm that the ministry's position is that special constable appointments that grant the powers of a police officer under the LLA remain valid.

The ministry's position is that any special constable appointments that confer police powers under the LLA should be interpreted as conferring the equivalent powers under the corresponding provisions of the LLCA. Please see attached comparison chart for the corresponding provisions.

If the roles and/or responsibilities of a special constable have changed, or it is determined that a special constable should not be granted equivalent powers under the LLCA for any other reason, it is the responsibility of the police services board to request an amendment to their appointment. Requests for approval to appoint special constables or amend their appointments should continue to be submitted to Denise Lim, Appointments Officer at [Denise.Lim@ontario.ca](mailto:Denise.Lim@ontario.ca).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jessica Mahon, Manager, Policing Standards Section, External Relations Branch, Public Safety Division at [Jessica.Mahon@ontario.ca](mailto:Jessica.Mahon@ontario.ca).

Thank you for your assistance in bringing this memorandum to the attention of the policing community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Stubbings".

Richard Stubbings  
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Attachment

c: Mario Di Tommaso, O.O.M.  
Deputy Solicitor General, Community Safety