

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

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SUBJECT: **Amendments to the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* through the *Safer Streets, Stronger Communities Act, 2024***

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I am sharing this communication to advise that on December 4, 2024, the [Safer Streets, Stronger Communities Act, 2024](#) received Royal Assent and enacted amendments to the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA) to address operational issues and technical requirements identified by the Ministry of the Solicitor General.

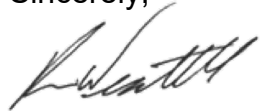
Below is a summary of the amendments that were made to the CSPA:

- Creating regulation-making authority for the transfer of policing responsibility in prescribed areas between municipal police service boards, between the Ontario Provincial Police and municipal police service boards, as well as to address cost recovery in relation to such areas;
- Establishing the authority for the Solicitor General to issue awards related to policing, including awards for long service;
- Clarifying the timeline requirements within provisions that specify when certain activities related to appointments, oaths, or affirmations must occur. Specifically, ensuring there is flexibility that oaths/affirmations must be taken, and certificates must be issued, at any point before officers can exercise their powers or perform their duties, rather than “at the time of appointment” as previously required by the CSPA;

- Adding a definition of “prescribed entity” to promote clarity and remove ambiguity in the use of the term throughout the Act and some regulations;
 - *“prescribed entity” means an entity that is prescribed to provide a policing function in an area in accordance with section 14 of the Act.*
- Addressing operational issues with respect to police services assisting each other, through amendments that shift the authority to request temporary assistance from police service boards to chiefs of police, allowing greater flexibility in seeking assistance from another chief of police; and,
- Other minor amendments to various provisions to ensure clarity and consistency of specific sections of the Act.

If you have any questions about these amendments, please reach out to Sheela Subramanian, Director, Community Safety and Intergovernmental Policy Branch, Strategic Policy Division at Sheela.Subramanian@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



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