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**DATE:** October 04, 2022

**MEMORANDUM TO:** Heads of Council and First Nations Chiefs

**SUBJECT:** Update - Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 and OPP Detachment Boards

Good afternoon,

I am writing to share an update on the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA) and the new Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachment board framework under the CSPA.

For municipalities and First Nations receiving OPP policing services, detachment boards will replace current police services boards and Community Safety Advisory Committees, expanding opportunities for civilian input on local OPP policing and encouraging a coordinated and collaborative approach to community safety. In spring 2021, the Ministry of the Solicitor General (the ministry) requested that these communities work together to develop proposals for the composition of their detachment boards, based on minimum requirements provided by the ministry. I would like to thank you for your work on the proposals to date.

The ministry is working towards an in force date for the CSPA between fall 2023 and winter 2024. The in-force window will narrow and be communicated to stakeholders, partners, and First Nations over the coming months. We understand that municipalities and First Nations require time to plan for implementation of OPP detachment boards

and will work to ensure that sufficient time is provided between proclamation and the in-force date of the CSPA.

At this time, we are working to finalize proposed compositions for OPP detachment boards by **November 30, 2022**. Our team will be following up in the coming days with respect to the status of proposals and any related questions.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Joanna Reading, Team Lead, Public Safety and Policing Policy at [Joanna.Reading@Ontario.ca](mailto:Joanna.Reading@Ontario.ca).

Kind Regards,

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