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To All OPP-policed Municipalities

Re: Distribution of Police Record Check Revenue to Municipalities

In June 2022, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) centralized the police record check process by transferring the responsibility for the process from detachment staff to an Online Police Record Check Unit (OPRCU). The centralization of the police record check process eliminates the need for detachment staff to perform duties associated with the police record checks, with the exception of fingerprinting. This OPRCU has been staffed by reinvesting numerous administrative detachment positions from across the province. The change in staffing at OPP detachment locations will be captured in the overall municipal policing cost-recovery in accordance with the terms set out in *Police Services Act*, Ontario Regulation 267/14.

Historically, the revenue generated from detachment staff completing record checks for municipal residents has been credited back to the applicable municipalities. With the reassignment of the police record check workload to the OPRCU, there will be a gradual reduction of the revenue provided to municipalities, except for the revenue for fingerprinting. Fingerprinting remains a detachment responsibility and, therefore, the revenue for conducting fingerprint services at the detachments will continue to be allocated to municipalities. The gradual reduction of police record check revenue (not related to fingerprinting) will be accompanied by the introduction of some cost savings for municipalities resulting from the impact of reinvesting some detachment positions into the OPRCU. This will provide municipalities with an extended period of time to make appropriate adjustments to any impacted financial plans.

**OPP-policed municipalities will continue to receive police record check revenue in 2023 and 2024.** Commencing in 2025, the revenue will be reduced by 25% per year. In 2028, OPP-policed municipalities will cease to receive police record check revenue associated with police record checks processed by the OPRCU. Municipalities will continue to receive revenue for fingerprinting services provided at the detachment.

The OPP will continue to deliver adequate and effective policing services while focusing on meeting the municipalities' unique policing needs.

Should you have any questions, please email the OPP Municipal Policing Bureau Financial Services Unit at [OPP.Financial.Services.Unit@opp.ca](mailto:OPP.Financial.Services.Unit@opp.ca).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phil Whitton", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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