

Essex County OPP Detachment Board - North
(Lakeshore, Essex, Tecumseh)

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February 19, 2025

Commissioner Thomas Carrique
Ontario Provincial Police General Headquarters
Lincoln M. Alexander Building
777 Memorial Avenue
Orillia, ON L3V 7V3

Dear Commissioner Carrique,

Re: Criminal Record Checks Online Application Process

In response to community concerns regarding long delays in the processing of online criminal record check applications, the Essex County OPP Detachment Board – North (Lakeshore, Essex, Tecumseh), at its meeting held on February 10, 2025, passed the following resolution:

That the OPP review the prioritization and response times of the criminal record check application process and take steps to resolve processing delays, in response to citizen and Council concerns regarding long wait times that have resulted in lost employment, post-secondary education, and volunteer opportunities.

We can advise that there are mounting frustrations with the long wait times which have become apparent since the service was elevated from the detachment level to a more centralized bureau. Accordingly, members of the Councils for the municipalities that make up our Board (Lakeshore, Essex, Tecumseh) are routinely contacted by members of the public seeking assistance with or expressing concerns regarding the processing time associated with police record checks.

We would appreciate your earliest attention to this matter and look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,



Paul Sweet, Chair
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