

Greetings Members!

OPP Governance was discussed at length at the OAPSB Board of Directors' meeting of 15 November 2017. The key elements of OPP Governance in Bill 175, as discussed at that meeting, are:

Articles 72-75 OPP Governance Advisory Council. The Council's role is to provide advice to the Minister regarding the use of the Minister's powers with respect to the OPP. OAPSB advocated for OPP governance at the provincial level, separate from the government itself. The approach in Bill 175 is a step in that direction.

Articles 67-71: Detachment Boards:

- There will be a Detachment Board for each OPP detachment, or more than one as per a to-be-written Regulation. OAPSB has advocated, and continues to advocate, that any board amalgamations need to consider geography and the wishes of the affected boards and municipalities. In this regard, Bill 175 provides us with the flexibility we have asked for. Furthermore, ADM Beckett has indicated that our position will carry significant weight in the drafting of this Regulation.
- Detachment Boards will provide governance authority on behalf of roughly 200 municipalities that receive OPP municipal policing but have no police services boards (Section 5.1 Community Policing Advisory Committees have no authority). OAPSB has been lobbying for strengthening of OPP governance in Section 5.1 communities, and Bill 175 is a reasonable approach to that need.
- Detachment Boards will govern, with authority, both municipal *and* provincial policing conducted by their Detachment, within the framework of provincial policies and plans. This goes beyond the strengthened board authority that OAPSB advocated for.
- Composition of OPP Detachment Boards will be addressed in a to-be-written Regulation. OAPSB has advocated for flexibility in the composition of any amalgamated boards, and Bill 175 provides a flexible approach to meeting our goals.

Overall, Bill 175 fulfills all of the OAPSB advocacy objectives for OPP Governance, which were based on our survey of members in 2016. Of course this didn't happen by accident, and your input has been and continues to be invaluable!

Thanks!

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