



Resolution 2016-08

Streamlining Grant Administration

Approved at the 65th Annual General Meeting, June 29th, 2016

Preamble: The Commission on the Reform of Ontario Public Services recommended efficiencies in the administration of transfer payment and grant programs. The provincial grant transfers represent less than five percent of the cost of police services.

WHEREAS Provincial grant funding has achieved successful outcomes, specifically for targeted area initiatives; and

WHEREAS non-recoverable costs are incurred by police services to meet the legal and administrative requirements of grants including preparation of applications, data maintenance to demonstrate outcomes, compilation and submission of reports, financial costings and audits, regardless of the dollar amount of the grant; and

WHEREAS changes to the Toronto Anti-Violence Intervention Strategy and the Provincial Anti-Violence Intervention Strategy has resulted in concerns for the sustainability of future grant funding; and

WHEREAS the Toronto Police Service has fallen below the October 23, 2003 benchmark complement to qualify for Safer Communities Thousand Officer Partnership Program grant funding; and

WHEREAS the Community Policing Partnership grant was announced as a 50-50 cost sharing grant and has not been inflated for subsequent cost increases; and

WHEREAS the Court Security and Prisoner Transportation upload funding formula based on a percentage of total cost provides a disincentive to reduce court operations costs; and

WHEREAS police services annual budgets are typically calendar year based, requiring deliberations in advance of the budget; and

WHEREAS OPP municipalities policed under Section 10 and Section 5.1 of the *Police Services Act* who receive grants are also impacted by these matters, and

WHEREAS the Community Policing Partnership grant and the Safer Communities Thousand Officers Partnership Program grant agreements have contract terms of two years expiring March 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS all Ontario police services require a long-term perspective, to provide multi-year budget outlooks up to four years to match the term of their respective local Council.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police calls on the Government of Ontario to streamline grant administration by separating short-term outcomes based initiatives of less than four years from long-term funding greater than four years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police calls on the Government of Ontario to streamline grant administration for long-term funding by eliminating existing grant requirements, minimize non-recoverable activities, and replace funding formulas with simplified and transparent allocations, for example per capita or per household.