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**By email**

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His Worship Dan O'Mara  
Mayor  
The Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami  
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Dear Mayor O'Mara:

Thank you for your correspondence regarding your request to revise the Temiskaming Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachment board proposal. As Solicitor General of Ontario, I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

A priority for this government is the modernization of policing. This includes bringing the new *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA) into force. Under the CSPA, OPP detachment boards are established to increase the opportunity for local input into OPP policing. The boards are established under section 67 (1) of the act with roles and responsibilities outlined in section 68 (1). While municipal police service boards are like OPP detachment boards in some respects, there are key distinctions related to their roles and responsibilities, which are outlined in section 37 (1) of the CSPA. Further, OPP detachment boards and police service boards have similar goals of providing governance in policing. However, these boards have jurisdiction over different policing entities. More so, an OPP detachment board focuses on overseeing the OPP's provision of policing services, while a police service board governs municipal police services.

At this time, all OPP detachment board proposals have been received and are undergoing a final approval process through my office. It is expected that every municipality and First Nation within a detachment has been afforded the opportunity to participate in the development of the proposal and has provided their approval for it. If you have any concerns with the Temiskaming detachment proposal, I encourage you to first reach out to the proposal development lead Kelly Conlin, Municipal Clerk, City of Temiskaming Shores at [kconlin@temiskamingshores.ca](mailto:kconlin@temiskamingshores.ca).

Mayor O'Mara  
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If the communities in the detachment have reached a consensus and would like to change the submission made to the ministry, or if you have any other questions about the detachment board process, please contact Devendra Sukhdeo, Senior Policy Advisor, Public Safety and Policing Policy Unit, at [Devendra.Sukhdeo@ontario.ca](mailto:Devendra.Sukhdeo@ontario.ca).

Thank you for taking the time to share your concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Kerzner", with a long, sweeping underline.

Michael Kerzner  
Solicitor General