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**By email**

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Dear Tom Vair:

Thank you for your correspondence dated May 15, 2025, formally requesting a policing resource plan from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP). As Solicitor General of Ontario, I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

I want to acknowledge the vital role that Ontario's small and medium municipal and First Nations police services play in protecting Ontario and keeping our communities safe. They are the backbone of public safety across the province. The Sault Ste. Marie Police Service stands out as a leading example in northern Ontario and I am proud of the dedication its frontline officers have shown in serving and protecting their community for more than 150 years.

The Sault Ste. Marie Police Service is critical to the diversity of policing across Ontario and serves as a key employer in the region with over 200 full-time members. I believe the service remains well-positioned to continue delivering effective, community-based policing to the residents of Sault Ste. Marie. Accordingly, under the authority granted by section 62 (1) of the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA), I have directed the OPP Commissioner not to provide the Sault Ste. Marie municipal council with an OPP policing resource plan.

However, community safety is a shared responsibility. Our government will always stand with our world-class police officers ensuring they have the tools, and support needed to do their jobs effectively and safely. Through a range of public safety grants provided to municipal and First Nations police services across the province, we are responding to evolving challenges and equipping these services to meet the demands of modern policing.

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Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael S. Kerzner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

The Honourable Michael S. Kerzner  
Solicitor General

c: Thomas Carrique, C.O.M.  
Commissioner, Ontario Provincial Police