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## **TO THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF OPP POLICED COMMUNITIES**

February 28, 2014

### **OPP Policed Communities: Update 3**

Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to report that the OPP Billing Steering Committee had a productive second meeting during which a number of alternatives and options for OPP billing were discussed.

Specifically, the Committee wants to explore the impact of alternative approaches either through the proposed billing model or variations of it, and through transition to, or mitigation of, a new billing model. The Committee recognises the Province wants to implement a new billing model for 2015. Its works will be completed by the end of March 2014.

The OPP's proposed billing model divides costs by base services and calls for service, on a per household basis. We are told that base services cover the basic OPP infrastructure, such as supervisory staff, administration, buildings, and cars. The Steering Committee is seeking further discussion and transparency from the Province on how these base OPP costs are determined, both provincially and municipally.

In addition, the Committee reviewed key OPP recommendations from the Auditor General's reports dating back to 1998. It also received additional background information on Ontario's policing costs, how it compares to other jurisdictions and other cost drivers. This background provides an important context to the Committee's discussion as well.

The Committee will meet again on March 14, 2014. We want to provide all municipalities the opportunity to submit ideas if they have not as yet, including those they offered during the OPP's fall consultation or ideas subsequent to that meeting. We have set up [oppbillingsc@amo.on.ca](mailto:oppbillingsc@amo.on.ca) as a dedicated e-mail if you wish to submit ideas and contact the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee's [Terms of Reference](#) and the backgrounder "[Policing Facts 101](#)" are available on AMO's website.

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Yours truly,

R.F. (Russ) Powers  
President

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