



MEDIA RELEASE

OCPC Approves Disbandment of Midland Police Services

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(MIDLAND, ON) On January 23, 2018, the request by the Town of Midland (the Town) and the Midland Police Services Board to disband the Midland Police Service was approved by the Ontario Civilian Police Commission (OCPC). This allows for the transition to the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) to take place by February 8, 2018, as planned.

As part of the approval, the OCPC has ordered that any outstanding issues relating to severance pay with any member of the Midland Police Service, including the Chief of Police, be submitted to arbitration for resolution.

“We are pleased that the OCPC has allowed this process to move forward,” said Mayor Gord McKay. “This paves the way for us to transition to the OPP, as scheduled, and now allows the OPP to make offers of employment to transitioning officers and civilian staff.”

Officers and staff who transition to the OPP will take part in a four week training program. During this time the OPP will provide policing resources for Midland.

“We anticipate that the future policing of Midland under the OPP will be carried out by current Midland Police officers and staff,” added Mayor Gord McKay. “It’s re-assuring to residents and the Town to know that the local knowledge and goodwill developed by our officers and staff within the community will continue to be preserved as we move forward.”



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