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**Cc:** John Lessif/Tillsonburg

**Subject:** ATTN: Mayor - OAPSB Letter of Response

Good Afternoon,

On behalf of Mayor John Lessif, please see the attached letter.  
Please forward this letter to the Mayor of your municipality.

Thank you and have a happy holiday!

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December 11, 2013  
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Mr. Ken East  
President Ontario Association of Police Services Boards  
10 Peel Centre Drive  
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Dear Mr. East

I have been asked by Mr. Larry Scanlan, Chair of the Tillsonburg Police Services Board, to forward his concerns to you with regard to the recent OAPSB correspondence of November 25, 2013 that discusses the Section 10 Provincial Police Billing consultations.

Chair Scanlan points out that reference was made that the OPP had not done enough research before moving ahead with the new billing model. His concern is that the information in the letter well did not reflect the input or opinion of the majority of section 10 Police Services Boards in Ontario. In order for the OAPSB to accurately comment on this important issue all boards should be given the opportunity to individually comment and thus provide information and specific examples of their local policing requirements. There are many distinctive differences between rural areas as well as villages, towns and cities that must be considered before developing a strategy that is intended to represent the members of the OAPSB.

As well, Chair Scanlan is concerned as to any conflict of interest shown by the OAPSB executive members as they represent municipalities or boards where examples of local policing initiatives may or may not be shared by other communities. In this situation an impartial position must be taken by the OAPSB to be seen as being entirely creditable and objective with due diligence taken to reflect a comment that may well become public and for which we are all accountable.

During the very difficult times ahead that will involve the cost of policing in all municipalities we must always be open to represent member communities as we encounter the challenges of the future of policing in Ontario.

Please refer any questions or a response to this letter to Mr. Larry Scanlan, Chair of the Tillsonburg Police Services Board.

Yours truly,  
Colin Cope - Chair OAPSB Zone 4