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MEMORANDUM TO: Mayors and Heads of Council

FROM: Marie-France Lalonde
Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services

SUBJECT: Regulation made under the *Police Services Act* to amend the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) billing model has been filed as:
O. Reg. 363/17

I am pleased to advise you that the regulation that amends the OPP billing model to exclude certain structures/property codes identified from the Commercial and Industrial (C&I) count was approved and filed. The regulation is O. Reg. 363/17. The amendments exclude properties from the OPP billing calculation within the following categories:

- Passive renewable energy structures, e.g., wind turbines, solar facilities;
- Structures where there are rarely any interactions with the public, owner or a representative/employee and do not typically contribute to policing requirements, e.g., communication towers, billboards;
- Structures that are considered to be part of a larger infrastructure system, e.g., tunnels, bridges; and
- Federal or provincial parks, or in some cases, vacant properties such as vacant federally/provincially owned lands.

This amended list of structures/property codes will now be used to calculate your 2018 base service billings for proactive policing by the OPP. You may access the regulation through e-laws under the following link: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/140267>

Your 2018 Annual Billing Statement has been provided to your CAO, to give you time to prepare for the changes in advance of the January 1, 2018 implementation date.

Through the June 2017 online survey and the August 2017 Technical Tables, the ministry was able to receive feedback that has been incorporated into the regulation amendments. Through our review, broader concerns about the overall OPP billing model were also raised.

As a result of your feedback, my ministry will now turn its attention to the five-year review of the OPP billing model, with review recommendations to be finalized by the end of 2019.

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During the review process, municipalities will have the opportunity to provide input on the billing model, which will help inform recommendations for potential changes to the model. I look forward to working with you in the months ahead.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Lalonde". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping tail.

Marie-France Lalonde
Minister

c: Municipal Chief Administrative Officers
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