



Civilian Governance

OPP vs. Municipal Police Service

MUNICIPAL CONTROL	OPP	MUNICIPAL POLICE SERVICE
1. Objectives and priorities for delivery of police services within the municipality	Determined after consultation with the detachment commander – 10(9)(b) <u>Police Services Act</u> (PSA)	Determined after consultation with the chief of police – 31 (1)(b) PSA
2. Policy for the effective management of the police force; disclosure by police of personal information about individuals	Local policy established after consultation with the detachment commander-10(9) (c) PSA; provincial policies (Police Orders) exempted	Establish policies for the effective management of the police force- 31(1)(c) PSA , usually in consultation with the chief of police; establish policies respecting the disclosure by chief of personal information about individuals
3. Selection of the detachment commander/chief of police	Participate in the selection of the detachment commander- 10(9) (a) PSA	Recruit and appoint the chief of police and deputies – 31(1) (d) PSA
4. Evaluation of the detachment commander/chief of police	Monitor the performance of the detachment commander 10(9) (d) PSA. * Note – See OAPSB guidelines / feedback form	Direct & monitor the performance of the chief of police – 31 (1) (e) PSA
5. Maintenance of a complaints system	Review the detachment commander’s administration of the complaint system and receive regular reports – 10(9) (f) PSA OPP has guidelines for dealing with complaints under part V.	Establish guidelines for dealing with complaints under Part V- 31(1) (i) PSA Review the chief of police’s administration of the complaint system and receive regular reports – 31(I) (j) PSA
6. Appoint the members of the force	All hiring cost are covered under the agreement with the OPP, members are selected using the criteria of 43 (1) PSA	Board appoints members upon the recommendation of the chief of police. The force must advertise test and screen candidates using the criteria of 43 (1) PSA
7. Indemnification of members for legal costs	All indemnification costs are covered under the agreement with the OPP, in compliance with 50 (5) & (6) PSA	The Board sets guidelines and funds legal costs under an agreement with the local police association, in compliance with 50 (2) & (3) PSA
8. Monitor secondary activities of the police force members	The detachment commander is required to provide regular reports on disclosures & decisions made on secondary activities –10 (9) (e) PSA	The chief of police is required to provide regular reports on disclosures & decisions made on secondary activities – 31 (1) (g) PSA
9. Operating and capital expenditures	Generally covered under S. 10 agreement and recouped through costing formula (in some locations where a police force was amalgamated the municipality covers such costs directly, e.g. Orillia, Quinte West)	The chief submits operating and capital estimates to the municipal council that show the amounts that will be required to maintain the police force and provide it with equipment and facilities.

This chart compares legislative control a police services board has over OPP municipal policing vs. a municipal police force.