



## Resolution 2011-02

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### **Federal Police Officers Recruitment Fund**

**Approved at the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting June 2011**

**WHEREAS** in 2006, the Government of Canada established a Police Officers Recruitment Fund ("the Fund") for provinces and territories to participate in a national effort to recruit 2,500 police officers across the country, consistent with the high priority that the Government of Canada places on community safety; and

**WHEREAS** the purpose of the Fund was to support the efforts of provinces and territories in recruiting additional front-line police officers nationwide who can target local crimes and make communities safer; and

**WHEREAS** the funding for that commitment was announced in the federal budget on February 26, 2008, which allocated \$400 million over five years for the Fund for all of Canada with Ontario's share established at \$156 million; and

**WHEREAS** Ontario's share of the federal Police Officers Recruitment Fund has put up to 329 new police officers in Ontario communities; and

**WHEREAS** these new officers in Ontario are needed to ensure safe and healthy communities throughout the province and these new officers are positively impacting their communities; and

**WHEREAS** the amount provided by the Government of Government is roughly 70 percent of what is required to fund the promised officer positions; and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Government in its own Community Safety – 1000 Officers Partnership Program has committed to permanent funding of more than \$68 million annually to help municipalities employ more than 2,000 police officers; and

**WHEREAS** with the Fund will end in 2013; and

**WHEREAS** the sustainability of human resources necessary for the provision of effective and efficient service is best facilitated through stable on-going revenue sources; and

**WHEREAS** the termination of the Fund could result in a reduction in the number of police officers deployed to further community safety, and

**WHEREAS** prior to the 2011 federal election, the Ontario Association of Chief of Police called on all federal parties to commit to permanent funding for this vital program, and

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada has expressed its commitment to safer communities in Canada, and

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada has expressed its intention to abolish the Federal Long-Gun Registry and publicly stated that doing so would save the federal government \$75 million per year, and

**WHEREAS** during Parliamentary Hearings, the Government of Canada indicated its preference for funding police officers rather than Federal Long-Gun Registry, and

**WHEREAS** police services in Ontario have been able to put a significant number of police officers into our communities because of the Government of Canada's commitment to the Fund.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police reiterates its call on the Federal Government to fulfill its original pledge to fully fund the additional police officers and to make the funding permanent, ensuring sustainability.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police calls on the Federal Government to extend its commitment to the continuation of the Police Officers Recruitment Fund by utilizing federal funds saved from abolishing the Long-Gun Registry, and that this funding be made subject to a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) component.