



RESOLUTION 2018-07

Ensuring That the Licensing and Operating Model for Public Safety Broadband Network (PSBN) Remains Flexible

Preamble:

Industry Science and Economic Development (ISED) and Public Safety Canada (PSC) are conducting information gathering exercises in support of determining radio licensing rules and governance for a Canada- wide Public Safety Broadband Network. To date, PSC has collected information from individual public safety entities across the country, have received proposals from industry, and have commissioned KPMG to capture requirements and recommendations in support of this initiative.

WHEREAS ISED and PSC are assessing options for a licensing framework for the newly allocated Band 14 Public Safety Broadband Network Radio Spectrum, and

WHEREAS PSC is assessing operating models for a ubiquitous Canada-wide Public Safety Broadband Network to operationally support and improve access to wireless broadband data services for Canadian first responders, and

WHEREAS the requirement for resilient and dependable public safety grade infrastructure and communication systems via wireless broadband data services are recognized as a critical operational tenet for first responders during both emergency situations and day-to-day operations in urban and rural areas.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police calls on Industry Science and Economic Development and Public Safety Canada to recognize the value of the newly allocated Band 14 spectrum dedicated to public safety for day-to-day and emergency use and ensure that the operating model remains non-prescriptive, thereby permitting all police services first priority of allocation for license ownership that will ensure their ability to decide when and how a PSBN is deployed within their jurisdiction.