

will be equitable to other police services in this province. This will go a long way to improving the health and safety of our communities,” said NAPS Board Chairman Mike Metatawabin.

Background:

- 1994 - NAPS created to provide primary policing services to dozens of NAN communities. From the beginning, it is chronically underfunded as a discretionary government “program”. It is not legally considered an essential service and there is currently no requirement that it be funded to meet provincial standards. Its “First Nation Constables” lack the legal status of police officers.
- 1994-2015 - Numerous NAN resolutions demand government action on the underfunding of NAPS.
- February 18, 2015 – NAN Grand Chief, NAPS Board Chair, and the Minister and Deputy Minister of Community Safety sign terms of reference for the Adequacy Standards Table (AST) to negotiate a legislative framework for First Nation policing.
- August 5, 2016 - Parties to the AST reach final agreement on over 100 draft legislative amendments.
- November 2, 2017 - After further consultations with NAN and NAPS, the Government of Ontario incorporates AST amendments into a broader package of legislative reform called the *Strategy for a Safer Ontario* and tables Bill 175 in the Legislature.
- March 8, 2018: Bill 175 receives royal assent.



Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service

Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service (NAPS) is the largest First Nations police service in Canada and the second largest First Nations police service in North America, employing approximately 160 uniformed officers and 30 civilians. Based in Thunder Bay, NAPS polices 35 communities across NAN territory, which encompasses nearly two-thirds of the Province of Ontario.



Nishnawbe Aski Nation

Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) is a political territorial organization representing 49 First Nation communities in James Bay Treaty No. 9 and Ontario portions of Treaty No. 5 – an area covering two thirds of the province of Ontario in Canada.

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