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PRESS ADVISORY
OPP COMMISSIONER BLAIR SEEKS REVIEW OF POTENTIAL POLITICAL
INTERFERENCE IN OPP COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Tuesday December 11, 2018

Commissioner Brad Blair of the Ontario Provincial Police (“OPP”) has today filed a formal request for the intervention of the Ontario Ombudsman’s Office relating to the process of the appointment of the new command of the OPP.

Citing the objective of protecting the credibility and perceived independence of the OPP, Commissioner Blair, in his capacity as Commissioner of the OPP and in his personal capacity, is seeking a review so that the current level of public anxiety and concern may be addressed.

In the interest of transparency, Commissioner Blair, through legal counsel, is attaching to this press release his letter of today’s date to the Ombudsman, as well as the letter of his legal counsel of today’s date to the Attorney General and Minister Sylvia Jones.

While Commissioner Blair will not be available this evening for questions, legal counsel will conduct a press conference by teleconference **tonight at 9:00pm**.

To join the conference call, dial either **1-888-424-9894** (toll-free from anywhere in North America) or **647-427-3383**. When prompted, enter the teleconference ID of **1458927**.

For further information, please contact Odi Dashesambuu of Falconers LLP during business hours at 416-964-0495, extension 248.

