



BARRIE POLICE SERVICE

committed to our community

Rich Johnston
Chief of Police

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To Whom it May Concern,

Re: Support for the National Centre for Police Excellence

On behalf of the Barrie Police Service, I am pleased to express my strong support for the establishment of the National Centre for Police Excellence (NCPE).

Policing today requires a modern, evidence-informed approach that prepares officers and leaders to meet increasingly complex challenges while strengthening public trust and confidence. The NCPE represents an important opportunity to advance policing through consistent educational standards, professional development, research, and the sharing of best practices across Canada.

Throughout my career, I have been a strong advocate for evidence-based policing and continuous learning. Investing in education, leadership development, and collaboration with academic and community partners strengthens policing organizations and ultimately leads to better outcomes for the communities we serve.

The National Centre for Police Excellence will help build a more professional, accountable, and trusted policing profession. I commend the Coalition for Canadian Police Excellence for its leadership and fully support this important initiative.

Sincerely,

Rich Johnston
Chief of Police

