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## The Act of Remembrance

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.  
We will remember them.*

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# President's Message



I hope that this message finds everyone in good health.

This is the first Newsletter for 2022. Normally, we try to publish a Spring and Fall edition, however, we just did not have the human resources available.

Monthly brunches have been held since the beginning of the year and attendance is close to what it was before the pandemic. As a rule, we try and plan brunches in different parts of the region each month, less so in the Winter months. When a brunch is planned we ask members to RSVP so we inform the restaurant how many tables to set up. There have been occasions when only three-quarters of those who said they would attend did attend. I would ask members that if at the last minute they decide not to attend to please send an email to [ipaottawa@rogers.com](mailto:ipaottawa@rogers.com). This will alleviate the delay in ordering food believing that more members are expected to attend.

Across the IPA, the number of members travelling has increased exponentially over the past two years and more and more countries seem to be opening up to visitors and more events are being organized for members, including a Region 7 (Montreal) 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Friendship Week (19 – 29 May 2023). For more information about the Montreal Friendship Week visit [www.ipamontreal.com](http://www.ipamontreal.com).

As some of you may remember, in 2020 there was an all-member vote to approve IPA Canada Statutes (bylaws and Directives) and to elect a Board of Directors. This was done to meet the requirements of the Canada Not-for-profit Corporation Act. Regrettably, in early 2022 our legal firm informed us that since neither members nor assets were transferred to the corporation in 2014, when the corporation was first set up, the Corporation was nothing more than an empty shell.

As a result of the foregoing, IPA Canada was forced to revert to a per-2014 governance structure returned decision-making for IPA Canada back to Regional Presidents. This is not necessarily a bad thing as each region is represented. New Statutes for IPA Canada were approved at the Oct 2022 Annual General Meeting and will be posted on the National Website soon.

Also early in 2022, a new region, Region 17 (Nova Scotia) was approved. Before the new region was created, all Nova Scotia members belonged to Region 16 (Atlantic Canada).

Here's looking to a great 2023 for all members and the International Police Association.

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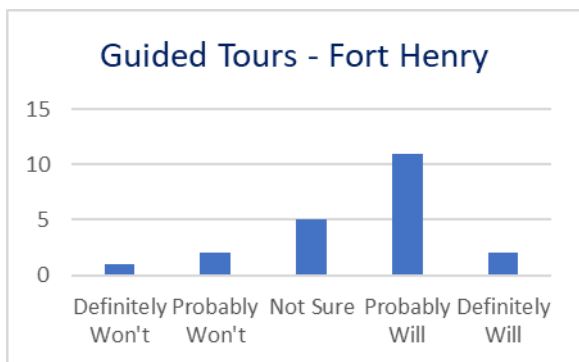
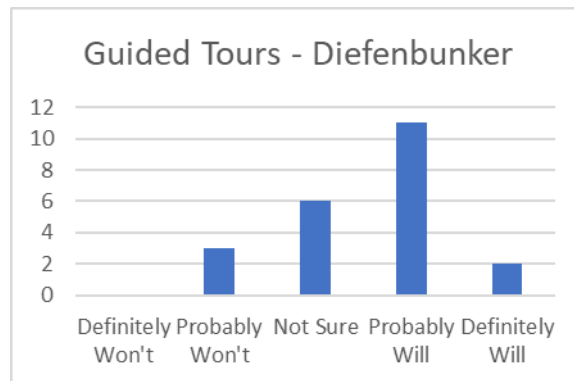
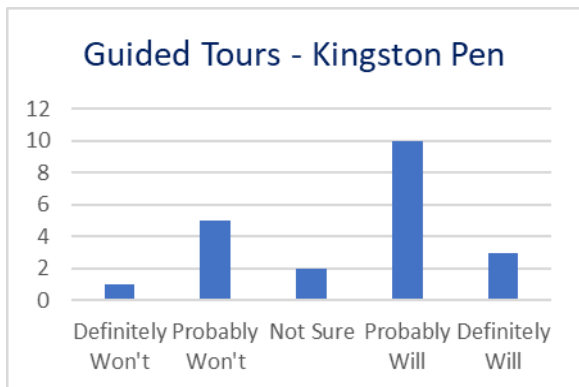
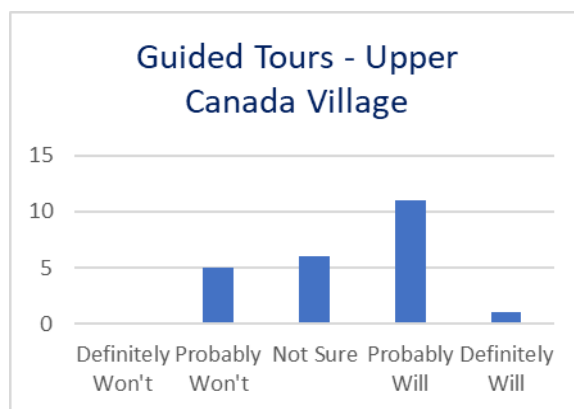


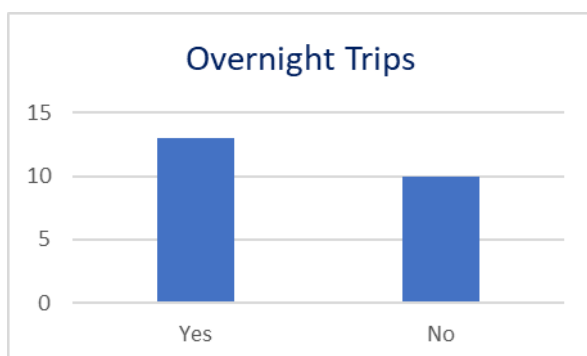
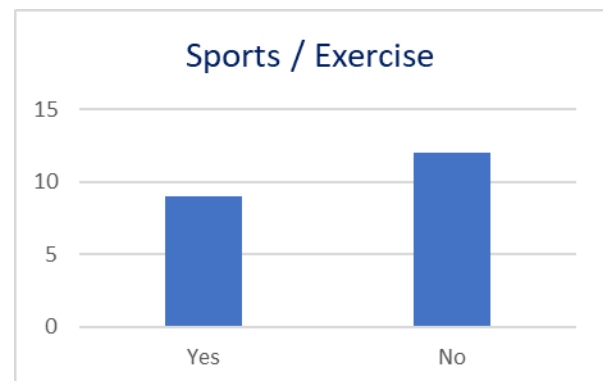
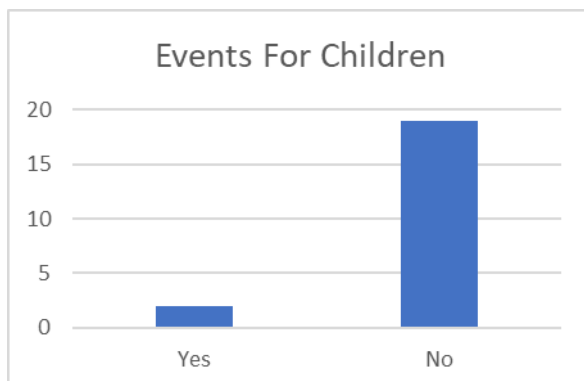
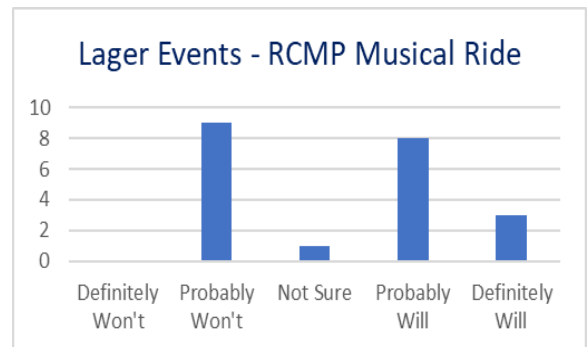
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# Membership Survey

Earlier this year, a survey was sent out to members. The intent of the survey was an attempt to gauge the likes and dislikes of members as it relates planned activities. Surprisingly, only 25 members responded and of those, 13 submissions were anonymous.

The Special Events Officer will use these survey results to plan upcoming activities. It should be noted that if a minimum of members do not sign up for events, the event will be cancelled.







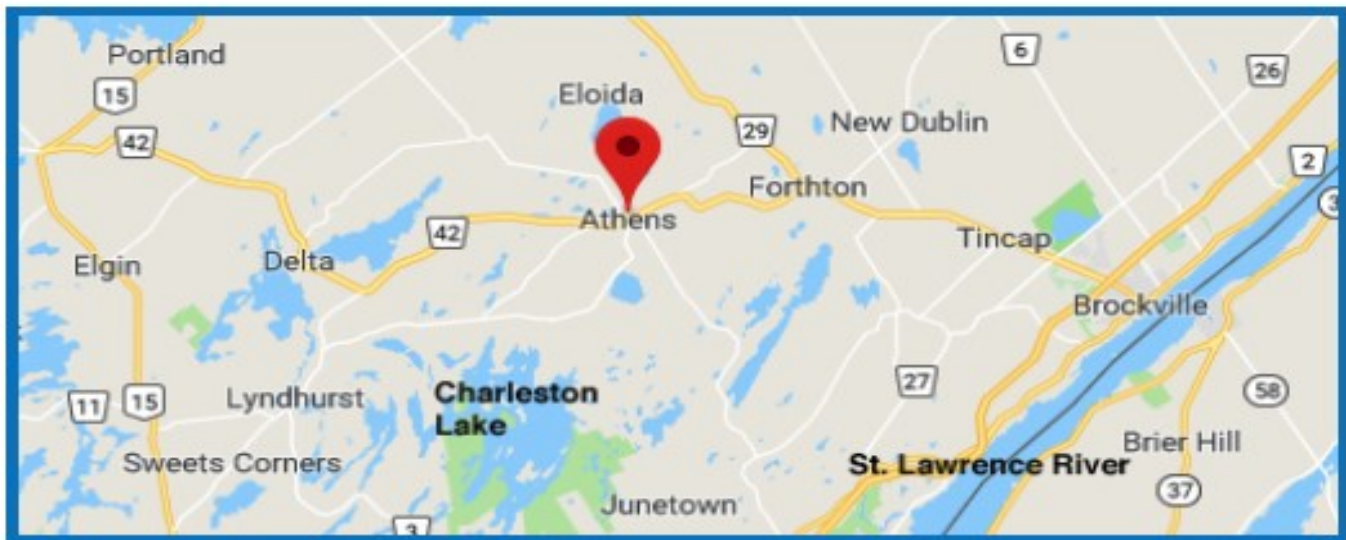


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# Police History

## Athens Township, Ontario

Athens is a township in the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville of Eastern Ontario. The community is located approximately 25 km north of the St. Lawrence River, about 90 km south-west of Ottawa.



The mention of Athens, Ontario often turns to a discussion of the town's outdoor murals. These depictions of early community life have attracted many visitors since the 1980's. The nine paintings tell the story of Athens' non-indigenous history which began when early settlers arrived in the area in the late 1700's.



One of those was John Dickson who established a home some twenty-five kilometres from Brockville in 1784. Located at the intersection of two early roads, the small community became known as 'Dickson's Corners'.

By the late 1790's Scottish, Irish and English immigrants joined with United Empire Loyalists to expand the settlement. As an agricultural centre, which hosted one of the first agricultural exhibitions in Ontario, it was renamed 'Farmersville' when the post office opened in 1836. Joshua Bates built the first store and grist mill and became the first postmaster.

In the late 1800's, the village had become an educational centre with a grammar school, a model school (teacher training) and a high school. Prosperous merchant, Arza Parish, suggested that the town be renamed 'Athens' after the Greek centre of education and democratic rule which was first established there around 500 BCE.

Present day Athens has a population of just over 3 000 residents and covers an area of about 135 km<sup>2</sup>. Not far away is Charleston Lake, a popular seasonal destination which depends on the town as a service centre for its many summer residents.

With regard to policing in Athens, we know from records provided by the Athens and Area Heritage Museum that in 1888, the town's constable was H. Case Phillips. As was the case in many small Ontario communities at this time, Phillips had to 'wear many hats'.

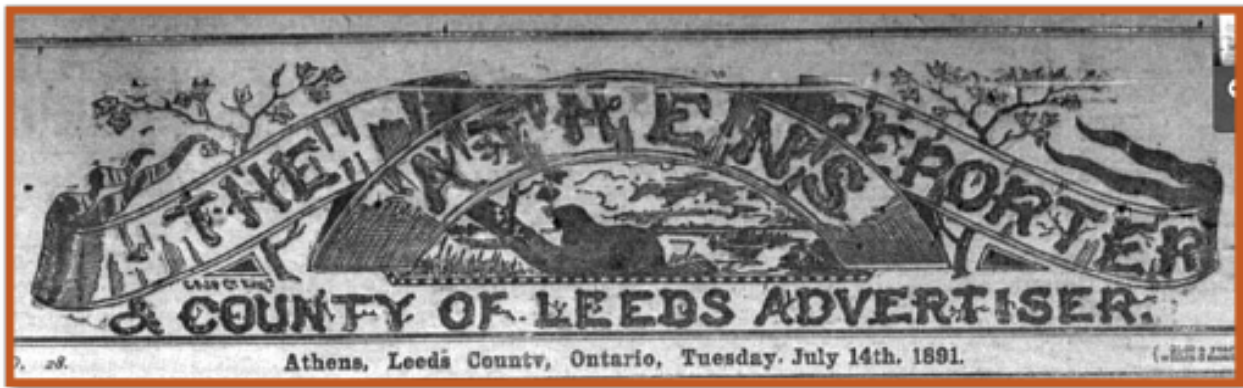
From 1890, we learn that:

*"This week, H.C. Phillips, Police and sanitary inspector, has posted notices that all cellars must be cleaned of old and decaying vegetables, and all offensive ditches and drains must be cleaned by May 15. Also every roof in the village must be furnished with a ladder." [sic]*

From a town council report, published in 'The Athens Reporter' of July 14th, 1891, we learn that Chief Phillips billed the Council \$4.50 for services rendered collecting poll taxes and burying dead dogs. Council voted to pay and extended Chief Phillips authorization to collect from:

*"... all the parties opening shop or grocery stand in this village on the 13<sup>th</sup> instant and for use of a street stand, the following fee: one horse rig \$1, two horse rig \$2 and for persons using the street stands \$5 and he be allowed 10 per cent for collecting same." [sic]*





The previous January of the same year, Chief Phillips was acting in his capacity as a police officer when he investigated a case of a missing horse blanket.

*"Last Thursday evening Samsul Spencer drove into the village and tied his horse in the hotle shed carefully covering the animal with a warm blanket. When he returned half an hour later he found someone had stolen the blanket off the horse and also took the fur robe from his cutter. A man living near the hotel was suspected, and Constable Phillips, armed with a search warrant, and accompanied by the hotel Hostler and Mr. Spencer, visited the home and found the missing goods, as well as several other articles that had been missing."* [sic]



No mention of how much Constable Phillips was paid for all these services but it was common at this time for town constables to work without a salary. Remuneration was offered in the form of fees-for-service or a percentage of taxes collected. The councils would meet on a regular basis to evaluate their constable's invoices and determine how much they were owed.

By July 5<sup>th</sup> of 1911, Fred Booth, from the nearby village of Morton, had been appointed police officer for Athens. He might not have been the best candidate for the job as Museum records indicate that two months later Booth was:

*"... ill with congestion of the lungs, caught while chasing criminals around at night. The night air is very bad for officers, but doesn't hurt the crime element a bit".*

By June of 1919, ex Chief Constable H. Case Phillips, *"who had discharged his duties as Bailiff of Athens District, up to two months ago, when take to this bed, is very low at present. Miss Pickett of Gananoque has arrived to assist her aunt, Mrs. Phillips in his care."* [sic]

The next record of Athens' policing comes from the late 1940's.



Sally Smid, a freelance writer for an Athens publication and Henry Smid of the *Athens and Area Heritage Museum* provided the editor with information and photos about one of Athens' Chief Constable, Alexander Thomas MacLean.

Fondly known to residents as *Scotty*, Smid describes Chief McLean in her 1991 obituary report as:

*"probably one of this community's most prominent citizens..."*

Born in 1914 in Kirkintilloch, Scotland, 16-year old Alexander MacLean came to Canada as a 'Home Child'.

The Home Children practice was motivated by a variety of social and economic forces at play in the United Kingdom from the latter part of 1800's to the early 1930's. It resulted in a significant child emigration movement that saw English, and Scottish children, considered orphaned, abandoned, or living in abusive poverty, sent to a number of British Colonial countries. The belief was that these children would have a better chance for a healthy, moral life in places like rural Canada, where families would welcome them as a source of cheap farm labour and domestic help.

MacLean arrived in Ontario in 1930 and took up residence at his first home located on a farm in Winchester Springs. He spent five years there as a farm labourer. Apparently all was not well and to avoid, what he later described as, "*mistreatment*", he ran away from the farm in 1935.

At some point, during his escape from the abusive situation, he met Jim McAvoy who listened to his story and offered the young man a job on his farm in Athens, some 90 km from Winchester Springs. This was to be a turning point in Scotty MacLean's life as he not only found a new home, but also the farmer's daughter, with whom he would spend the rest of his life.

In 1942, he married McAvoy's daughter, Katherine, but by this time the Second World War in Europe was well underway and Canadian citizens were volunteering for duty. Sally Smid writes:

*"Many home children felt a loyalty in defending their native land and were quick to enlist at the start of WWII. Scottie joined the armed forces as a member of the Governor General's Foot Guards and served*



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Chief Scottie MacLean was popular with the younger members of the Athens community

*five years overseas as a Captain, then returned to Athens in 1946 where he settled with his school teacher wife."*

Scotty MacLean became the town's constable in 1946 and served until 1952, when he left to establish a bread delivery business.

According to Sally Smid, MacLean returned as Chief Constable in 1962. She writes that:

*"He served for eighteen years until he retired in 1980. Scotty was considered by many as a father figure, enforcing the law with firmness, impartiality and common sense."*

*"A story was told of him arriving at the Athens Public School where his wife worked in the middle of the school day. He ordered a group of students, that had been seen soaping windows on Main St., to leave class, get some pails, and clean all the windows under his supervision."*

*If he heard someone was reported to be in some kind of trouble, he would be waiting for them in their driveway when they came home. He would make deals with an offender to gain information about other unsolved crimes. Then there were tales of him locking a drunk in the town council office. I remember him showing up at a fender bender that I was involved in and basically just facilitating an agreement between myself and the other driver. He made a point of knowing everyone and everything going on in Athens."*

Chief MacLean immersed himself in his Athens community, finding the time to serve as a community fundraiser, Big Brother volunteer, sports and scouting supporter and







mentor to many young people who admired him. At the same time, he was also a respected and even-handed law enforcement officer.

*"Despite a hard start in life as a young emigrant from Scotland, Scottie has left an amazing legacy to our community!"*  
Sally Smid.

After Chief MacLean's first retirement in 1952, the village hired John Portieous, a former member of the Canadian Army Provost Corps (Cameron Highlanders) during

World War II. Portieous served as the one-man police department for a number of years before leaving to work at the Ontario Hospital at Brockville. He died in February of 1968.

The car shown above is a 1949 Mercury Meteor. The photo is not dated, but we can assume that either Chief Constable MacLean or Chief Constable Portieous would have used it for patrol purposes – perhaps both.







As previously mentioned, Scotty MacLean had returned as Athens' Chief in 1962. After his second retirement, MacLean's position was filled by Curtis Schriver who was hired in 1979 and trained under MacLean before taking over as Chief in January of 1980. (photo at left is from October 1979)

Schriver lasted until October 1980, when he was charged with drinking while on duty, an offence under the Ontario Police Act. He resigned in November 1980 and the town council dropped its charges against him.

The town continued to maintain the one-man force until it was replaced by the O.P.P. in 1985.

In 2020, the North Grenville Times reported that the *Council of the United Counties of Leeds & Grenville* was concerned that changes to the *Comprehensive Ontario Police Services Act, 2019*, would create large, detachment-wide, police boards instead of municipal ones.

The *Brockville Recorder* reported that for the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, it would mean its ten municipalities would be served by two boards – one for the Grenville detachment, the other for Leeds – a situation that would mean that municipalities would have less say over policing and its costs.

The idea of forming a regional force to replace the Ontario Provincial Police in Leeds and Grenville had been resurrected but at the time of writing, there is certainly disagreement as to how to proceed based on economic considerations.

Athens Mayor Herb Scott, said the council seriously debated a regional force about a decade ago but it rejected the idea after seeing the setup costs, which were "astronomical."



The patch at the immediate left was one of two collected from the last Athens police chief by Robert Pyefinch in the early 1980's.

The next batch ordered were the more common semi-circular versions, far left, which were sold by the Athens Department for \$10 to collectors.

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# Germany: IPA House—Bork

by: Tesesa Holmes

After nearly three years of little to no travel for most of us, it is a welcoming sight to delve into the IPA Hosting Book. It was not a difficult choice to select Germany, which has 9 official IPA Facilities and one other accommodation. Germany has direct flights from Toronto and Montreal to Frankfurt, Germany, where one can easily hop on a train, which is attached to the airport in Frankfurt or rent a car. Germany is well known for its famous castles, restaurants, spas and walking/hiking/cycling routes, plus Oktoberfest, not to mention cultural events such as operas and plays. This country is highly recommended by the author, who has traveled there numerous times and partook in all of the mentioned activities.

This IPA House would be a perfect base for hanging your head at night after exploring the numerous cities, sights and partaking in tours and thermal spas



## Reservation Contact Details and Address

### House Manager & Bookings:

Manfred Bittrolff

### Telephone

+49 259 262166

### Cellular

+49 171 9249253

### Email Address

buere@ipa-bork.de

### Webpage

<http://www.ipa-bork.de> OR

<http://www.ipa-deutschland.de>

## Special Note

Cost: 15 Euro a night per person. Accommodates up to 4 persons plus a toddler

\*There is only 1 booking in June 2023 so far, so lots of availability!

The house is situated in the vicinity of Nordkirchen, Germany, 25 kilometres from both Dortmund and Münster. It is located on the Northeastern part edge of the Ruhr, within the quiet area of the police training center with castles, museums and picturesque scenery nearby. The building was renovated into an IPA apartment and an IPA Clubhouse. It is in North-west Germany, 266 kms from Frankfurt, close to The Netherlands border (205 kms) and accessible by train from 10 other cities. There are local vehicle rental agencies that provide a GPS system. The author had frequently used SIXT vehicle rental agency with no problem.



This newly renovated German IPA House caters to the disabled and has a living room, small kitchen, two bedrooms with two beds each (toddler cot is available), bathroom with shower and toilet, plus a washer and dryer. Central heating, with a television and parking space for two cars. No pets are allowed and this is a no smoking residence.



The area is surrounded by castles and forest, situated on the North Rhine River. It has excellent hiking/walking paths as well as bicycling excursions into the beautiful Münster area.





There is always the famous Oktoberfest throughout Germany and Nordkirchen restaurants and pubs certainly partake during October.

Germany is also famous for their numerous thermal, luxury spas, this one Thermal Spa is located in Euskirchen, approx. 200 kms away. A Google search will provide closer proximity spas around Nordkirchen.



## **REGION 6 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Will be held at:

**1:00 p.m., 20 November 2022**

**The meeting will be held virtually using Zoom Video Conferencing.**

**An Agenda, Financial Statement and a Zoom invitation will be sent to all members a week before the meeting.**

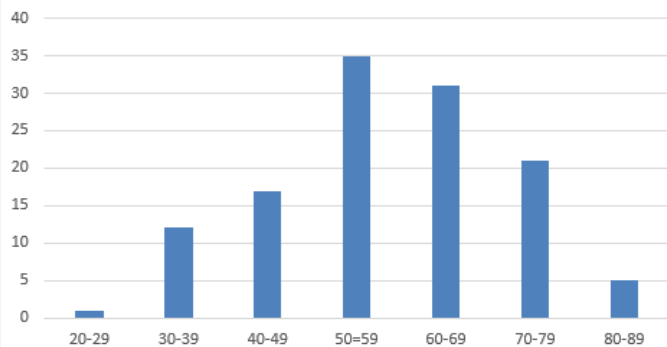
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# Membership Statistics

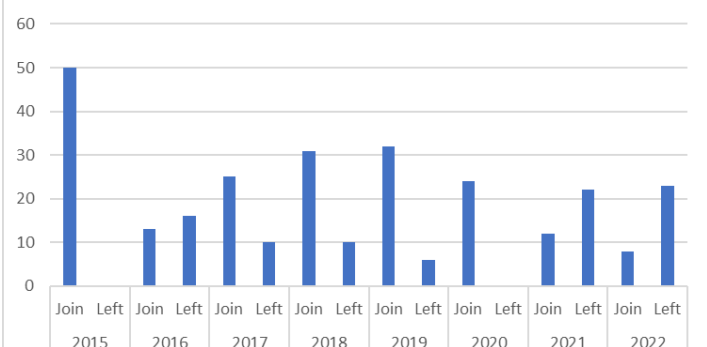
## Snapshot

- At the end of 2021, Region 6 had 136 members.
- 21 members decided not to renew for 2022 and two members transferred to other regions.
- The number of members still serving rose by 3%
- So far this year, only 9 new members joined, our lowest number ever.
- Our current membership sits at 123 members.

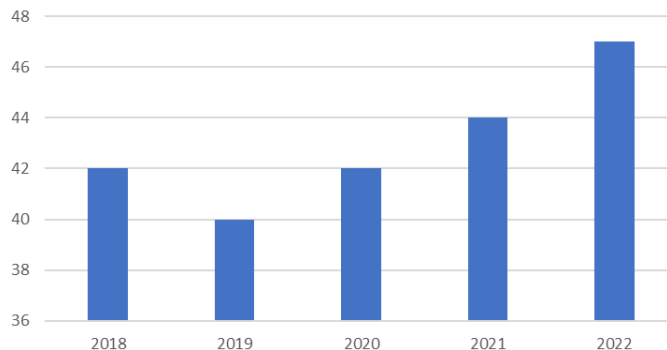
## Age Demographics



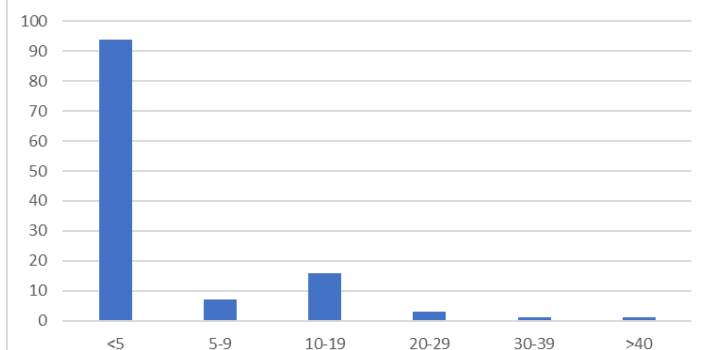
## Retention



## Still Serving



## Years with IPA



## 2023 MEMBERSHIP DUES

**2023 membership dues remain the same at \$35.00.**

**Members who have already paid for 2023 will receive their new 2023 membership cards in November.**

**Like other years, a list of those members who have not yet paid will be distributed soon.**

**Members may opt to pay for 1, 2 or 3 years.**

**Dues are payable before 31 December 2022.**

# New IPA Emblems

## Justification:

Arthur Troop, the founder of the IPA, designed the star logo of the Association, using a globe within a police star and wrapped around by laurel leaves. The logo was adopted as the official emblem of the Association at the first international Congress in 1955 in Paris. Section UK applied copyright to the design in 1974. The IEB registered the star and roundel logos as trademarks in 2012 in the UK and internationally in 2013.

When Arthur designed the original star logo, the sections were all in Europe and over the years, whilst the majority are still in Europe, the Association has expanded around the globe.

Requests to amend the logos have been made over the years to address the balance of the continents shown on the logos, but they were not adopted.

## IEB Motion:

The IEB believe that the time is right to rectify the matter and recognize new revised IPA logos. The new logos include all the major land masses around the globe. This updated version also includes Japan.

The existing logos may continue in use, until the close of the World Congress 2027, when only the revised designs will be permitted.



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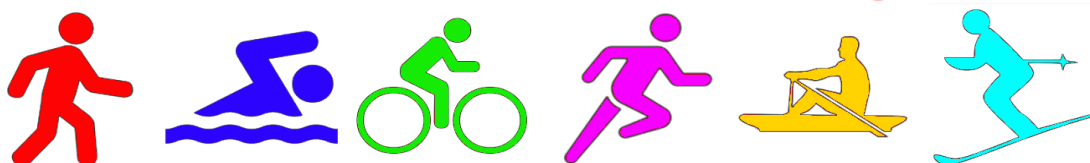
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# Activity Challenge



## 2022—2023

In 2021, due to the prolonged Covid pandemic, IPA Region 6 created a Fitness Challenge to motivate regional members to keep physically active. The challenge was to walk, hike, run, row, paddle, swim, bike, snowshoe, ski, etc (indoor fitness machines counted) the circumference of our region which is approximately 719 kms, within one year.

Brian Sullivan was our top contender with 3,177 kms. He was able to cycle year round in Ecuador. Bill Murrell slugged it out within our region, mainly rowing, biking and walking his way to an impressive 2,836 kms, four times over our Regional circumference! Louis Chiasson came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with a total of 2,438 kms. Louis was the first one to complete the Regional circumference within a two month period. Gilbert Anctil was in 4<sup>th</sup> place with 2,408 kms.

In September 2022, we began the challenge again and renamed it the Activity Challenge. We have twelve participants so far, who have already traversed the sum total of 2,340 kms! One member has already surpassed our Regional circumference of 719 kms! Bravo Zulu to JP Vincelette, who has biked his way to an amazing 820 kms during the month of Sep and a bit of Oct 22.

The Activity Challenge will run from 01 September 2022 to 31 August 2023. Our goal this year is to have the group traverse the entire circumference of the world, a mere 40,075 kms. In order to achieve this goal, we naturally need member participation. So far we have knocked off 2,000+kms from this goal. We will need more Regional 6 members to participate and reach our 40,000+kms goal. Even if you manage a few kms a day, it all counts. Region 6 has over 120 members. We can do this! Don't wait. Sign up today for our Activity Challenge and let's see what our region can accomplish.

To register for the IPA Region 6 Fitness Challenge please send an email to [ipar6challenge@gmail.com](mailto:ipar6challenge@gmail.com) The Fitness Challenge coordinator is Teresa Holmes, the Regional Secretary. She will respond back within a short period of time. An Excel spreadsheet has been created to track kilometers (kms) and names. Participants are requested to submit their kms on a monthly basis.

Teresa Holmes

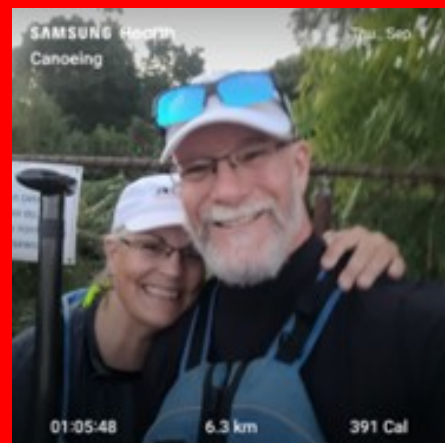




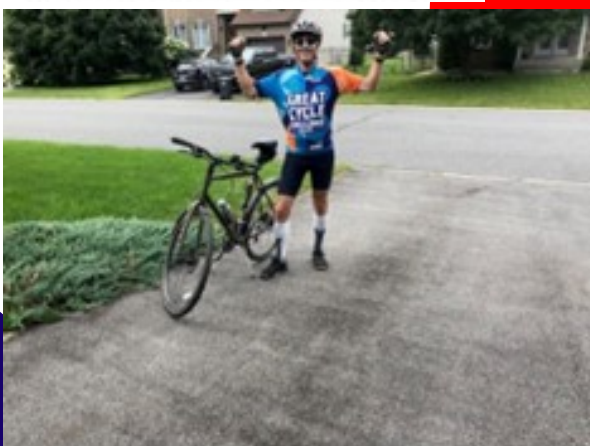
**Brian Sullivan cycling year round in Equator**



**Doug Morris hiking**



**Jeff Pinhey and his wife walking**



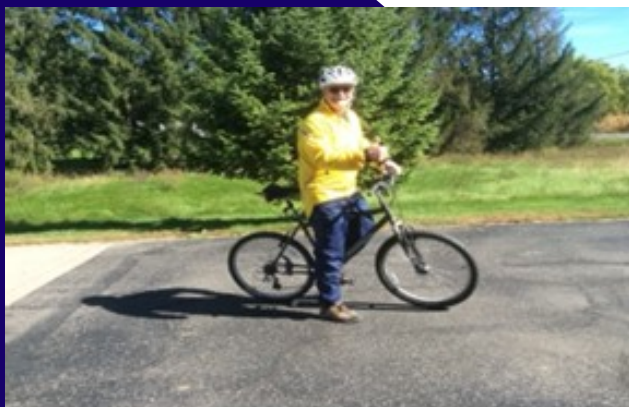
**Andy Bakker cycling 380 kms in the first month!**



**Lech Reliszko hiking in Europe**



**Teresa Holmes with her sister Mary-Ellen enjoying the fall foliage while walking**



**JP Vincelette**



**Jim Grant keeping fit during the Ottawa cold bitter months... smart to stay down South in Florida**

# International Travel



A short look on the events and news page of the IPA International webpage will illustrate the variety of options available, ranging from Friendship Weeks in Italy or Japan, to special interest events you can join in Spain or Ireland. Whether you fancy hiking in the Austrian Alps or getting to know the treasures of Sri Lanka, the IPA is able to offer something for everyone.

In addition to organized group travel options, the IPA also offers assistance when travelling on your own or with your family: with the help of a travel form, many members take the chance to get to know IPA members in other countries on either a short stay in a city, or while touring a country. A truly unique chance to see the world from a local's perspective, and to exchange with fellow police officers what policing in their country entails.

## Is an International Travel Form necessary?

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FORM  
FORMULAIRE DE VOYAGE INTERNATIONAL  
SECTION CANADA

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I certify that the applicant is an IPA Member in good standing. Je certifie que le demandeur est un membre IPA en règle.

Name - Nom: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant - Demandeur

1 Name - Nom: \_\_\_\_\_ IPA Membership No. - No. de Membre IPA: \_\_\_\_\_

2 Address - Adresse: \_\_\_\_\_  
City - Ville: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code - Code postal: \_\_\_\_\_ Email - Courriel: \_\_\_\_\_

3 Employee - Employeur: \_\_\_\_\_ Agency - Agence: \_\_\_\_\_ Status - Statut: ☐ Active - Actif ☐ Retired - Retraité

4 Accompanying Persons - Personnes accompagnées: \_\_\_\_\_  
a. \_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_  
c. \_\_\_\_\_  
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The Procedure for Travel Assistance aims to standardize the process of helping IPA members (both individuals and groups) requesting assistance when travelling and visiting IPA sections worldwide. Common requests include hotel/accommodation/dining recommendations, visiting police stations, ride-alongs, meeting local members and being hosted, car hire and places to visit.

It is not necessary to use this form when personal contacts are already in place (e.g. visiting friends) or in case of an emergency.

Complete a different form for each country you are travelling to.

An International Travel Form on our website [HERE](#).

## I'm planning a trip, when should I submit your travel form?

The IPA International Procedure for Travel Assistance recommends at least three (3) months for group travel and one (1) month for individual (family) travel.

The foregoing deadlines are normally sufficient, however, some countries receive many more visitors than others so the earlier you can submit your travel form, the better your chances.

If you have any questions about travel, contact the Region 6 Travel Officer at [ipaottawa@rogers.com](mailto:ipaottawa@rogers.com), subject line TRAVEL.

The IPA International Procedure for Travel Assistance recommends:

Individual Travel	Group Travel
A minimum of one (1) month	A minimum of three (3) months





# The "IPA Way"

## Where do I visit to learn more about Friendship Weeks and Other activities?



The IPA International Website maintains a database of all types of IPA events occurring across the globe.

To access the database, visit the site by clicking on the link below:

[IPA EVENTS](#)

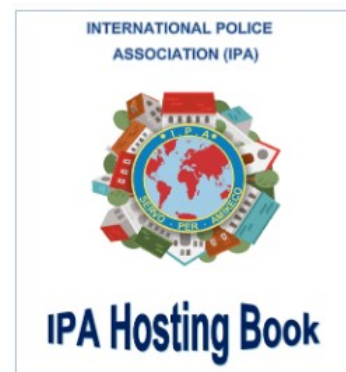
## IPA Houses

The IPA owns more than 40 properties in 14 IPA sections where members can stay in reasonably priced accommodation.

With locations ranging from sightseeing hotspots such as Paris and Berlin, to the beautiful winter wonderland surroundings of Lapland in Finland, to our apartment on the Australian Gold Coast, IPA Houses offer a unique opportunity to travel the world and meet local members.

Alongside these houses we have hundreds of 'other accommodation' options available, including members' holiday homes and discounts at hotels, with the number of options increasing each year.

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# Police History

## Arnprior, Ontario

The Town of Arnprior is located at the confluence of the Madawaska and Ottawa rivers, 56 km west of Ottawa. The land occupied by the town, is part of the traditional territory of the Algonquin Nations. The first European contact was led by Samuel de Champlain who visited the area in 1613.



In 1823, a 1,200 acre, surveyed block of land was ceded to a rather despotic, Archibald McNab and given the eponymous name, McNab Township. In 1824, he brought fifteen families from Scotland to form the nucleus of a settlement based on terms and conditions laid down by McNab. Terms that were to be a source of some considerable difficulty for the next fifteen years according to a *Canadian Encyclopedia* article by Julian Gwyn:



*"... he plundered these people and pursued them in the courts. He was supported at first by his politically well-placed friends in Toronto and at Perth, but his position, unassailable in the 1830s, was wholly undermined in the 1840s by his excessive greed.*

McNab was considered to be a member of the 'Family Compact', a derogatory term used to describe a small, insular group men, who exercised most of the political, economic and judicial power in Upper Canada (Ontario).

From the 1810 to the 1840's, members of the Family Compact were noted for their largely conservative and loyalist views and were notably against democratic reform and responsible government. By the mid-19th century, immigration, the union of Upper and Lower Canada, and the pressure of various democratic reformers had diminished the Compact's power.





In the meantime, McNab, in keeping with his rather elitist, self-serving viewpoint, appears to have felt entitled to treat 'his' settlers in a rather Draconian manner, much the way that feudalism had treated small farmers back in Scotland and other parts of Europe.

With time, the population grew tired of McNab's harsh treatment and joined together to initiate a request to the councils of Upper Canada and Canada West. After a government investigation in 1843, McNab was forced to vacate the area.

Lumbering was the key to the development of many communities along the Ottawa River - Arnprior was no exception. Daniel McLachlin, built a massive sawmill on the Madawaska River, expanding the community. By 1869, Arnprior was an incorporated Village with a population of 2000.

Policing began with an Arnprior by-law dated April 5, 1893, appointing Henry Dodd as Chief Constable. Dodd was plasterer by trade. He was assisted by another part-time constable on call when required. These men were paid fifteen cents per hour for services performed between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m., and twenty cents per hour between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. Dodd served until 1899, when John Mattson was appointed as Chief Constable.

Mattson certainly had an eventful term as Arnprior's Chief. In August of 1899, the *Arnprior Watchman* headline read, "Caught Him - CHIEF MATTSON CLEVERLY CAPTURES A BURGLAR - HE WAS FIRED UPON - A SECOND THIEF GETS AWAY WITH STOLEN CLOTHING."

The newspaper, describes how the incident went down at H.W.W. Gardiner's store and then sells Gardiner a paid advertisement at the end of the article.

Chief Mattson apparently had prodigious strength as described in the *Renfrew Mercury*. The article on the next pages, dated 1900, describes his ability to lift someone, sitting on a chair, using only one arm.

He was also quite the opportunist - willing to exploit his position as trusted town police chief in support of *Croskery's Eastern Balm*. Mattson certified that:

*"We found it all that was claimed for."*

# Caught Him.

CHIEF MATTSON CLEVERLY CAPTURES A BURGLAR—HE WAS FIRED UPON—A SECOND THIEF GETS AWAY WITH STOLEN CLOTHING.

Shortly after midnight Monday, two burglars made an almost successful attempt at burglarizing the large Clothing and Men's Furnishing store of H. W. W. Gardner, on the corner of John and Elgin sts. They obtained entrance by bursting open a door on the second flat in the rear of the building, and passed through another door to the stairs and thence to the store.

Chief Mattson came on the scene just as they were getting out with those up-to-date suits and nobby furnishings. When alarmed one of them fired at the chief. Both separated in different directions, the chief following one whom he succeeded in putting behind the bars. The other escaped with his new clothing, while those taken by the prisoner are indisputable evidence of his guilt.

See the nobby suits for 25 cents, worth 50c to \$1.00.

## H. W. W. GARDNER,

My Hatter, Clothier and Furnisher.



The entrepreneurial and 'mighty' John Mattson was not only the chief of police for the town but he was also the tax collector. This might have had something to do with the announcement in April of 1911, that he had been charged with embezzling Arnprior of more than \$11,000 – a significant amount of money at the time.

Justice was swift and Mattson received a year-long sentence which he served at the Pembroke jail. He was released in April of 1912 and according to the *Pembroke Observer*, he was going to join his wife and family at Perth and in all likelihood will leave... "to commence life somewhere in the great west."

A 1912 article in a local paper tells us that Arnprior's Chief John Wesley Hunt:

*"reports excellent progress in his efforts to reduce drunkenness and profane language on the streets of Arnprior. The publicity given the matter just last week has helped wonderfully. A number of men have paid freely into the Police during the last week and both Chief Hunt and Constable Carty declare that the end is not yet."*

In 1914, the next chief was ex British Army, Fred Nichols. Nichols came to Arnprior with prior service in Wales and with the Eastview police department. Eastview was described as "a suburb of Ottawa". Nichols' service was cut short when Arnprior granted him an extended leave of absence to organize and train a company of volunteers at Petawawa's army base, in preparation for overseas duty at the beginning of World War One.

It appears that Chief Hunt returned to take Nichols' place as a 1917 article exists that speaks of Hunt and Constable Carty investigating a three-way lovers' quarrel that turned to murder, wounding and attempted suicide at nearby Sand Point.

Fast forward to 1930 when, according to the *Arnprior Chronicle* (January 31st), Arnprior's Chief J. S. Rogers was pleased to report that,

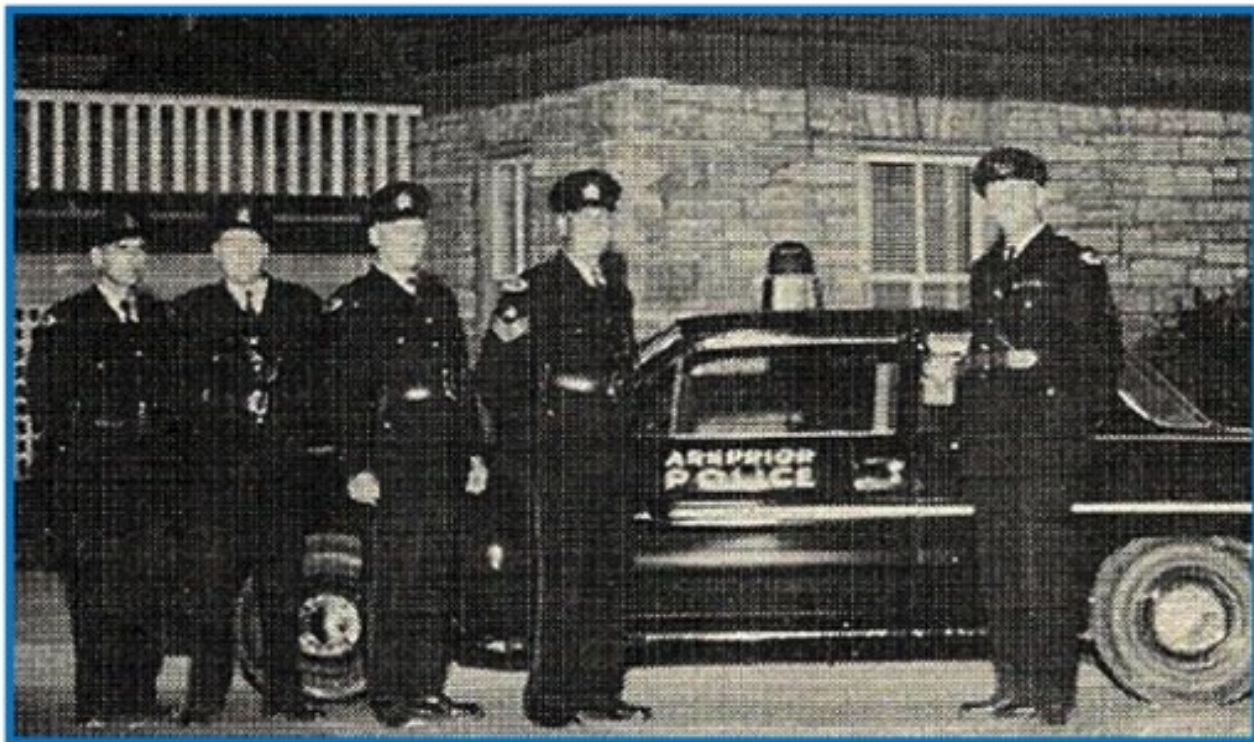
*"...of the twenty-nine cases of theft in 1929, twenty-nine cases had been prosecuted and twenty-nine convictions were achieved". He went on to report that, "Lodging was given in the cells to 184, some of whom sought refuge, while others were invited to be guests of the corporation."*

Rogers was assisted by Constable Holbein who usually took the night duties.

Life for an Arnprior Police Chief was not always secure. On July 22nd of 1934, the same Chief Rogers suffered fractured ribs, an injured spine, and numerous bruises when he, and a civilian, attempted to recover a stolen car from six teens. The *Arnprior Chronicle* reports that the young men involved were arrested later in Ottawa and returned to Arnprior to face justice

When in Carleton Place on Tuesday with the hockey team the Watchmen scribe heard of the manner in which our chief astonished the natives of the junction town by his feats of strength. Chief Wilson is considered a pretty husky individual down that way, but he was completely overshadowed so far as muscular development is concerned by his Arnprior confrere. The Carleton chief was sitting in a chair and Chief Mattson lifted chair, chief and all with one hand, catching the chair by one of the lower rungs. Other difficult feats were also performed to the surprise and amusement of the few friends present.

This is to certify that I have used Croskery's Eastern Balm in our house when the children were suffering from severe colds. We found it all that was claimed for it. It is the best remedy for coughs and colds we ever used. JOHN MATTSON, Chief of Police, Arnprior, Ont.—For sale by all medicine dealers or by Jno. Croskery, Perth, Ont.



From 1957 to 1978, William (Bill) Parsons was the town's Chief Constable. Born in England, he served with the British military in WW II, and in Asia after the war before emigrating to Canada.

While the picture above, dated 1962, is of very poor quality, it does provide the names of the officers who were with the Arnprior Police Department that year.

From left to right are: Angus (Scotty) Matheson, Constable V. A. Smith, Constable L.G. Enright, Sergeant K. T. O'Reilly, and Chief William Parsons. Constable J. J. Homer was absent for this photo.

Chief Parson's replacement in 1978, was David Thom. Records indicate that in 1980, the Arnprior Force had nine officers plus Chief Thom serving a rural and urban population of about 6 000 residents. Chief Thom retired from Arnprior policing in January of 1984



Constable Scotty Matheson, one of Arnprior's municipal police officers. This is a picture of him as a member of Arnprior's dedicated OPP police force sometime after 1985





In 1985, the town disbanded its municipal police force and entered into a unique arrangement with the O.P.P. Arnprior became the first town to have its own dedicated team of Ontario Provincial Police community officers.

This situation lasted for twenty years, until the Renfrew detachment of the O.P.P. took over the policing responsibilities.

The picture below, taken in 1981, shows Arnprior Constable John McDermott attending a fourteen car train wreck in the middle of the town. David Thom was the municipal Chief at that time.

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## Providing refugees with safe homes

Good Neighbors Canada, part of an international humanitarian organization founded in 1991, is providing support to Ukrainians at the border with Romania, and to families who are fleeing their homes to relocate to Canada.

The **Ukrainians in Canada** campaign is specifically important, as it provides assistance with visas, flight tickets, and finding free short to mid-term accommodation so that families can safely leave an area still under attack.

"Anyone with a spare room can offer their space", says Rachel Morrison, Project Manager. "Housing support is particularly needed in Ottawa but is appreciated in any location across Ontario and beyond."

Families are assigned a caseworker who assesses what sort of support they need (food, essentials, transportation, etc). Anyone who is willing to contribute financially can easily donate via our online form and will receive a tax receipt. If anyone is interested in covering a specific fee, such as transferring air miles, they can get in touch to see what is needed the most in the near future.

Seven families are currently in Canada, and the cost to maintain this project running is high. **Pictured above is the Miliutin family**, who landed in Canada in June. You can read more about their journey to North Bay, ON on our blog. We are very grateful for all of the support we can get. Your help is fundamental in assisting families like the Miliutins.

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## ***JPA Visitors to Region 6***



Sweden

In early September the region was contacted by a young Swedish police officer (Kajsa), who said she was already in Ottawa and that she took a one-year leave of absence from policework to play professional ringette in Ottawa.

Kajsa also said that she needed to find a job, preferably in a police station in Ottawa to help support herself while she was here.

A few of us met with her to discuss her options and it was during this meeting that she informed us that she had to return to Sweden for family reasons.

While she was disappointed, she says she hopes to return to Ottawa one day to play ringette.



Netherlands

In mid-October the region had a visit from Joop and Ines who came to visit their daughter Femke who is studying for a semester at the University of Ottawa.

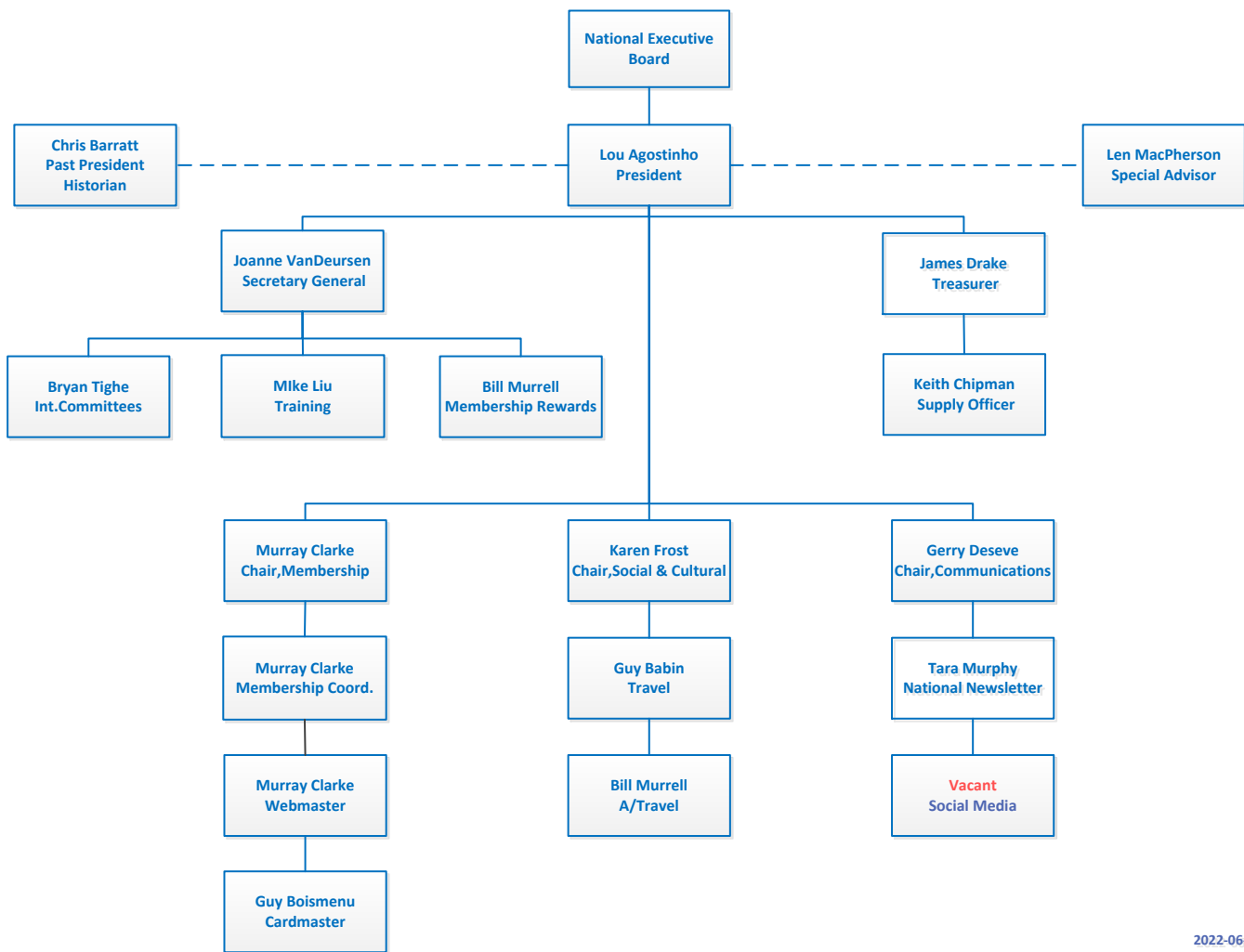
Joop is employed at the National Training Center Over-Amstel in Amsterdam.

After four days in Ottawa, the trio departed for Huntsville, via Algonquin Park and then down to Niagara Falls. After spending time in Niagara Falls, the trio drove to Montreal and Joop and Ines caught their flight back to Amsterdam while Femke returned to Ottawa.



# Governance Structure





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