



MEMORANDUM

To: Kingston Police Services Board (through Chief of Police)
From: Deputy Chief Christopher Scott
Date: 2020-11-11
Re: Homecoming Deployment, October 16–18, 2020

The Queen's Alumni Homecoming occurred over the weekend of October 16–18, 2020, albeit in virtual format. The Kingston Police, in partnership with other emergency, City, and University services, as well as KFL&A Public Health, worked throughout the weekend in the University District to ensure public safety. While formal Homecoming activities were moved to a virtual platform, staffing was nonetheless dedicated to discourage large social gatherings, since such gatherings pose a significant risk to the public as we navigate the risks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year, as in past years, attempts were made to mitigate the requirement for overtime and the impact on other operational areas by adjusting officer and civilian schedules across the organization. The officers who were deployed received a comprehensive briefing on the expectations of professionalism and personal safety, as well as firm and fair proactive enforcement.

We provided resources to enforce provisions of the *Reopening Ontario Act*, the Nuisance Party By-Law, and the University District Safety Initiative. KFL&A Public Health, Queen's University, Kingston By-Law, and other community partners were engaged in providing education around these initiatives prior to the event.

Deployment of Resources

Friday, October 16: 47 personnel dedicated to the event
Saturday, October 17: 71 personnel dedicated to the event

Costs

In supporting the Queen's University Homecoming weekend and the *Reopening Ontario Act*, the Kingston Police spent approximately \$6,606 on overtime for the weekend (which was a significant reduction from the 56,664 spent in 2019) and an additional \$1,875 for other support-related items, for a total of \$8,481. This represented a reduction of \$55,784 from what was spent in 2019.

Enforcement

Over the weekend, the Kingston Police issued seven *Reopening Ontario Act* notices for \$880 each in relation to several unsanctioned gatherings above the provincial limits in the University District. There were 17 *Liquor Licence Act* fines issued for having open alcohol, as well as five Administrative Monetary Penalties for by-law offences issued, including one for obstruct, three

for amplification of sound, and one for hosting a nuisance party. City By-Law enforcement officers also issued 18 AMPs over the weekend for yelling and amplified noise.

We thank the students and the entire community who endeavoured to keep this community safe by respecting the current emergency orders and KFL&A Public Health guidelines. Proactive messaging and public education in advance of the weekend, in addition to overall community compliance, appeared to deter the gathering of the vast crowds often observed in the past.

The assistance of our community and law enforcement partners, who worked collaboratively with us to keep Kingston safe over the Homecoming weekend, was also greatly appreciated.

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Christopher Scott
Deputy Chief