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MEMORANDUM TO: Marc Bedard
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SUBJECT: **Ontario Licence Plates**

This is further to a previous memorandum issued in late January 2020, regarding the re-designed, blue Ontario licence plate. The re-designed plates were released on February 1, 2020. As a result of issues raised with respect to the re-designed plate, the government is working with 3M Canada to develop an enhanced, new licence plate.

While the enhanced version is being developed, kindly advise all police services to notify their members that the blue design licence plates are still valid and permitted to be displayed on motor vehicles to which they were issued.

As outlined in the announcement from the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services on February 28, 2020, the government has developed an interim strategy and plate replacement plan to transition holders of the current blue plates to the enhanced plate, when it is available.

- As an immediate measure, the current blue licence plates will no longer be issued, as of end of day March 4, 2020.
- Starting March 5, 2020, white embossed licence plates will be temporarily issued until the existing supply of material is used up.
- Distribution of new enhanced licence plates will start the week of March 16, 2020, and a replacement process for blue plates will take place over the following months.

The ministry will advise further when the plate replacement process has been concluded but until then, both the blue licence plates and the white embossed licence plates can still be displayed on motor vehicles to which they were issued. Further communications will be provided regarding the implementation of enhanced licence plates.

Please bring this memorandum to the attention of the policing community. If police services would like to discuss this information in more detail, they may contact Elizabeth Marles, Manager, Vehicle Programs Office, Ministry of Transportation, at (416) 235-3433 or Elizabeth.Marles@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your assistance.



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Attachment (1) – Licence Plate Images

Licence Plate Images

Current Blue Plates:

English Slogan:



French Slogan:



White Embossed Plates:

English Slogan:



French Slogan:

