

**MEMBER COMMUNICATION 68**  
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To our National Membership

In recent weeks, MPPAC has been inundated by emails from members who have expressed anger, frustration and concern regarding the lack of accountability and transparency surrounding the Mounted Police Member Legal Fund (“Legal Fund”). Members are particularly angry at how their Legal Fund contributions have been used both in the recent past as well as in the present day. Members have contributed to the Legal Fund for decades. The Legal Fund was presented to members as a resource for members when legal coverage and legal assistance was needed. This coverage was meant to protect members when there were allegations of excessive force, misconduct and other situations that arose during the course of our duties.

MPPAC understands the members’ frustration with the lack of transparency and accountability regarding how their Legal Fund money has/is being used. We believe those who administer the Legal Fund today no longer have any standing to do so. In January 2015, SRR program was ruled unconstitutional by the courts and is now defunct. As such, MPPAC recommends that the money from the LF should now be held in trust and that disbursements from the Legal Fund should be made solely for the purposes for which it was originally intended (to assist individual members' funding as required for legal matters).

Your Legal Fund contributions continue to be misused. Examples include the issuance of loans used for the creation/administration of websites, extensive social media advertising, as well as a number other labour communication documents that have absolutely no relevance to the original intent or purpose of the fund.

A clear example of members' Legal fund contributions being used inappropriately, without accountability, members’ knowledge or consent can be found in the following links.

<https://lobbycanada.gc.ca/app/secure/ocl/lrs/do/vwRg?regId=834378&cno=267482>

<https://lobbycanada.gc.ca/app/secure/ocl/lrs/do/clntSmmry?clientOrgCorpNumber=357666&sMdKy=1466479600997>

In addition, MPPAC is in possession of a Legal Fund document which clearly demonstrates that the treasurer of the fund as well as other administrators have also been receiving monthly honorariums and expenses.

[Legal Fund Excerpt](#)  
[Legal Fund Excerpt Dec 2015](#)

This is not what the Legal Fund is for. Members contributing to the Legal Fund were never asked for their approval or their consent to have their contributions used in this manner.

This information is of grave concern to everyone who values sound fiscal integrity. Recently, three Ontario Police Union administrators were criminally charged with misusing members' money.

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MPPAC remains committed to professional, ethical and lawful actions where you, our membership and your money, is concerned. MPPAC will not compromise these values nor affiliate with any group who does.

At the request of members from all across Canada, MPPAC is examining all legal and civil remedies in regard to any unprofessional, unethical and possibly unlawful actions regarding the Legal Fund. Please continue to forward your concerns regarding the Legal Fund to [national@mppac.ca](mailto:national@mppac.ca).

MPPAC is pleased to announce that on July 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, MPPAC executives met with executives from the Association des Membres de la Police Montée du Québec (AMPMQ) in Winnipeg. The purpose of the meeting was to explore and discuss common ground in our drive toward national certification. These talks are ongoing.

**LET US BE YOUR ADVOCATE**

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