



A Newsletter from the Ottawa Police Services Board

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Welcome to the June 2013 issue of the Ottawa Police Services Board's newsletter — a vehicle for sharing information about the work of the Police Services Board. I hope you find the newsletter informative; additional information about the Board is available online at www.ottawapoliceboard.ca.

In this issue:

- Farewell to Deputy Chief Larochelle
- Welcome to new Deputy Chief Jill Skinner
- Update on Traffic Stop Race Data Collection Project
- Reports recently received by the Board

Eli El-Chantiry, Chair

FAREWELL TO DEPUTY CHIEF GILLES LAROCHELLE



Deputy Chief Larochelle started his new job as Chief of Police in Kingston in mid-June after serving 32 years with the Ottawa Police Service, including five and a half years as Deputy Chief. He led a variety of important initiatives for the organization over the course of his career here. Gilles' leadership within the Ottawa Police Service will be greatly missed, but we wish him all the best in his new endeavour.



WELCOME TO NEW DEPUTY CHIEF JILL SKINNER

On May 31st the Board was delighted to announce the appointment of Superintendent Jill Skinner to the position of Deputy Chief. Deputy Chief Skinner began her new duties on June 16th, replacing Deputy Chief Gilles Larochelle. She has led a series of sections including Sexual Assault & Child Abuse, West District Patrol Operations and Crimes Against Persons & Special Operations. Since 2010 she has been the Superintendent, Emergency Operations Directorate. She has also acted as a Police Services Act hearing officer. Deputy Chief Skinner has strong links in the community beyond her role as a police officer and looks forward to continuing to serve the residents of this City in her new role.



TRAFFIC STOP RACE DATA COLLECTION PROJECT LAUNCH

On June 27th officers will begin recording their perception of driver race using the existing in-car computer system, as part of the regular process used for conducting traffic stops. This “made in Ottawa” project is the result of significant police and community input. To ensure the confidence of community and police members, ongoing opportunities for input and dialogue will continue throughout this project over the next two years.

An update and presentation on the Traffic Stop Race Data Collection Project was provided at the Ottawa Police Services Board meeting on May 27th. A copy of the report can be found [here](#). The update included information on:

- The study design and research methodology that has been developed with significant community-police input;
- The preparations for the commencement of the data collection, including officer training and public awareness; and
- The ongoing engagement and consultation program to support the project over the next two years.

Project updates continue to be available on our [Website](#). Should you have any questions, please contact the project at racedata@ottawapolice.ca or 613-236-1222, Ext. 5586.



REPORTS RECENTLY RECEIVED BY THE BOARD

In the second quarter of 2013 the Board received the following reports that may be of interest to you; reports are available at www.ottawapoliceboard.ca:

- **Ottawa Police Service 2012 Annual Report** — In April the Ottawa Police Service released its Annual Report –2012: A Year in Review. The report is a compilation of organizational achievements and operational initiatives, along with preliminary crime statistics and performance figures for the past year. The Year in Review is presented in a dynamic and interactive online format and is available at www.opsannualreport.ca.
- **Crime, Police and Traffic Statistics: 2012 Report** — This detailed annual report provides police-reported statistics citywide and for 23 wards. The information helps the Police and community to identify problem areas and target problem-solving efforts.
- **Professional Standards Section – 2012 Annual Report** — presented statistics on the number and type of complaints made by either the public or the Chief of Police about the conduct of police officers. It also presents statistics on complaints about policies or services provided by the OPS.
- **Audit Plan 2013** — The Audit function is an independent and objective activity designed to evaluate and recommend improvements to the operations of the Ottawa Police Service as a measure of accountability and transparency. The OPS will be conducting compliance audits of property and evidence control (General), Valuable Securities, and Drugs. Also, in August the following four areas will be examined by Ministry inspectors to ensure Board and Service compliance with Provincial Adequacy Standards:
 - » Missing Persons (Guideline LE-026)
 - » Preliminary Perimeter Control and Containment (Guideline ER-001)
 - » Bail and Violent Crime (Guideline LE-023)
 - » Police Response to High Risk Individuals (Guideline LE-047).
- **Facilities Strategic Plan 2014 – 2031** — On June 24th the Board approved the Ottawa Police Service Facilities Strategic Plan for 2014 – 2031. Ottawa is a growing city - the City's population data shows that it will reach a million residents within 8 years and within 17 years it is expected to be home to 1,135,840 people. To ensure the Ottawa Police Service (OPS) is well positioned to serve the city's residents in the future, it must plan for how it will meet the demands that will accompany this growth. The Facilities Strategic Plan will ensure that the facility infrastructure needed to support future service will be in place in the optimal geographic location when needed.
- **2014 Budget Directions & Timetable** — The Board approved that the 2014 Draft Operating and Capital Budgets be prepared with a tax rate increase of less than 2%. This is the same budget guideline adopted by City Council for the City's Budget in 2014. A budget review and approval timetable was also approved at the June 24th meeting.
- **Byward Market Street Ambassador Program** — The Board received the 2012 Annual Report on the activities of the Street Ambassadors who work in the Byward Market area each summer assisting the police and community in dealing with aggressive panhandlers and public drunkenness. They also provide assistance to tourists. The Board approved funding in the amount of \$10,000 towards the program's operation in 2013.





REPORTS RECENTLY RECEIVED BY THE BOARD (CONT'D)

The following first quarter 2013 reports were received:

- **Performance Report** — the Ottawa Police Service (OPS) monitors and evaluates information on a variety of performance metrics, such as total calls for service, emergency response calls for service, response time on priority 1 calls, amount of time spent on calls, and the number of Criminal Code offences per sworn officer.
- **Financial Status Report** — the quarterly financial report summarizes the current financial position of the organization. Staff is currently identifying a small deficit position for 2013 of \$200,000. This deficit is primarily due to the 2011/2012 arbitration award for the sworn officer and civilian collective agreements, received on April 5, 2013.
- **Workforce Management Report** — presents statistical information on workforce activities such as hiring, retirements, resignations and promotions.
- **Complaints Report: Part V, Police Services Act** — presents statistics on conduct complaints made by the public and the Chief of Police, as well as policy and service complaints made by the public.
- **Legal Services Status Report** — includes statistical information and analysis of trends on variances against the approved budget, claims and actions against the Board, appeals and applications for judicial review, and any issues of significance the Board should be advised of.

The Ottawa Police Services Board is a civilian body established by provincial legislation that provides governance and oversight for the Ottawa Police Service. It is accountable to the Ministry of Community Safety & Correctional Services, and the Ontario Civilian Police Commission. If you are interested in viewing past issues of the "Board Matters" newsletter or other information about the Ottawa Police Services Board, please visit www.ottawapoliceboard.ca.

The Police Services Board holds regular business meetings on the fourth Monday of each month except August (there is no meeting in August) and December (the meeting is on the 3rd Monday). All meetings are open to the public and take place at 5:00 p.m. in the Champlain Room, Ottawa City Hall. Members of the public are welcome to speak to any item on the agenda or can speak to an issue not on the agenda but of concern to them, provided they give at least one week's notice to Board staff. A complete schedule of meetings is available online.