



The Ottawa Police Services Board



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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Welcome to the December 2014 issue of the Ottawa Police Services Board's newsletter - a vehicle for sharing information about the work of the Police Services Board. Additional information about the Board is available online at www.ottawapoliceboard.ca. In this issue:

- Board Appointments
- 2015 Police Budget Schedule
- 2015 Regular Meeting Schedule
- Reports recently received by the Board.

On behalf of Board members and staff, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a joyful, safe and healthy Christmas season, and a happy and prosperous New Year.



Eli El-Chantiry, Chair

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Board is pleased to welcome two returning members and one new member to the Board. At a meeting on December 10, 2014 City of Ottawa Council re-appointed Councillor Eli El-Chantiry (West Carleton-March Ward) and Councillor Jan Harder (Barrhaven Ward) to the Police Services Board. Also appointed for the first time was Councillor Tim Tierney (Beacon Hill/Cyrville Ward). The three Councillors were appointed for the term of Council ending November 30, 2018. Councillor Tierney was officially sworn in at the December 15th Board meeting.



2015 POLICE BUDGET SCHEDULE

On December 15, 2014 the Board approved the timetable and directions for the Ottawa Police Service 2015 Operating and Capital Budgets. With the direction set at a 2% increase on the municipal portion of the property tax bill, the Budget will be tabled at a special meeting of the Board on **February 4th** and will be considered by the Board on **February 23rd**. Opportunities for public input will be available at open houses held in February in conjunction with the City of Ottawa and at the Board's meeting on February 23rd.

2015 Regular Meeting Schedule

January 26	May 25	September 28
February 23	June 22	October 26
March 23	July 27	November 23
April 27	No meeting in August	December 21



REPORTS RECENTLY RECEIVED BY THE BOARD

In the fourth quarter of 2014 the Board received the following reports that may be of interest to you; reports are available on the [Board's website](#):

- **National Capital Area Crime Stoppers** – The Board received a semi annual report from [Crime Stoppers](#) in order to raise awareness of the Crime Stoppers Program and its impact in helping police, and to allow Crime Stoppers to update the Board on their recent activities and accomplishments.
- **Presentation on Violence Against Women: Chief's Priority** – The Board received a presentation on Violence Against Women (VAW), one of Chief Bordeleau's top three operational priorities. The VAW-Community Police Advisory Committee started in January 2014 and is a collaborative OPS – community effort to address VAW through projects in Research, Prevention and Response. More information is available in the [presentation](#).
- **Update on OPS Gala** – A cheque was presented to the Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa in the amount of \$100,000. The funds were raised at the fifth annual OPS Gala held on October 25th. To date, the OPS galas have raised \$470,000 for community organizations.
- **Letters of Commendation** - Members of the Ottawa Police Service come into contact with residents of Ottawa and visitors on a daily basis, often going above and beyond the call of duty. When they do, the Chief and the Board like to know about it. Each month the Board receives a Commendation Report comprised of excerpts from letters commending Ottawa Police members for their assistance in a time of need or for their personal contributions beyond the call of duty.

The following third quarter 2014 reports were received:

- **Financial Status Report** – the quarterly financial report summarizes the current financial position of the organization.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Workforce Management Report** – presents statistical information on workforce activities such as hiring, retirements, resignations and promotions.
- **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.