



## The Ottawa Police Services Board



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## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Welcome to the March 2015 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 at [www.ottawapoliceboard.ca](http://www.ottawapoliceboard.ca). In this issue:

- Re-Election of Chair and Vice Chair
- Appointment of New Member Suzanne Valiquet
- Approval of 2015 Budget
- Reports recently received by the Board.

Eli El-Chantiry, Chair



## RE-ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

In accordance with the *Police Services Act* of Ontario, the Board must elect a Chair at the first meeting each year. At its January 26, 2015 meeting, Councillor Eli El-Chantiry was re-elected Chair of the Board for the seventh consecutive year. Chair El-Chantiry was first elected to City Council in November 2003 representing the Ward of West Carleton-March. During the current term of Council he is also Chair of Council's Member Services Sub-Committee, Vice Chair of the Finance & Economic Development Committee, and a member of the City's Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, Audit Sub-Committee, Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority, Quyon & Mohr's Landing Authority, and the Manotick Mill Corporation. He is also Council's representative for the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA).

At the same meeting, provincially-appointed community representative Jim Durell was re-elected as Vice Chair for a fourth year. Mr. Durell is best-known for the significant contribution that he made as Ottawa's Mayor from 1985 to 1991. Today, Mr. Durell is President and owner of Capital Dodge Chrysler Jeep. He also served as the first President of the Ottawa Senators NHL organization, President for the CFL's Ottawa Rough Riders, a governor of the Canada Sports Hall of Fame and as President of the Ottawa Sports Hall of Fame. He is a past Chair of the Ottawa International Airport's Board of Directors and the Ottawa Convention Centre. He currently serves as Chair of the Hydro Ottawa Holding Inc. Board of Directors.



## APPOINTMENT OF NEW COMMUNITY MEMBER – SUZANNE VALIQUET



The Ottawa Police Services Board is pleased to welcome a new community member. The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario has appointed **Suzanne Valiquet** for a two-year term, effective 18 February 2015.

Fluently bilingual, Ms. Valiquet brings an impressive range of experience and skills to the Board. A graduate of social communications, Suzanne has worked her entire career in Canada's Capital in both private and public sectors. For more than 20 years, she has voluntarily provided marketing, promotional and fundraising expertise to organizations such as the Wabano Centre, Assumption Catholic School, the Vanier Community and the Ottawa-Carleton Catholic School Board. As President of the consulting firm Momentum Planning and Communications since 2000, Suzanne has expertise in social marketing, communication strategies, community consultation programs, and event planning/implementation. From 2007 to December 2014 her work included overseeing the Merchants Association's programs and operations of the Quartier Vanier BIA, through which she established strong ties with City officials, staff and community leaders. Said Ms. Valiquet, "I am honoured to be joining the Police Services Board and look forward to working with the other Board members and Chief Bordeleau on the many challenges facing our Police Service and City."

Speaking on behalf of the Police Services Board, Chair Eli El-Chantiry said, "Ms. Valiquet's professional background and community relationships will be a valuable asset to the Board. We are delighted she is joining us and look forward to working with her". Ms. Valiquet was publicly sworn in as a member of the Board at its meeting on Monday, 23 March 2015.

### 2015 POLICE BUDGET APPROVED

The 2015 Operating and Capital Budgets for the Police Service were approved by the Board on February 23 and by City Council on March 11. The net operating budget of \$269.9 million and capital budget of \$15.8 million provide the resources necessary to fulfill the Service's responsibilities to the citizens of Ottawa and deliver the high quality services that residents expect, while at the same time meeting the fiscal challenges facing police services across the country. The budget increase of 1.75% meets the target set by the Police Services Board and equates to approximately \$11 per year for the average urban resident.



### REPORTS RECENTLY RECEIVED BY THE BOARD

In the first quarter of 2015 the Board received the following reports that may be of interest to you; reports are available at [www.ottawapoliceboard.ca](http://www.ottawapoliceboard.ca):

- **Federal Funding for Unique Policing Costs** – The Board received a report detailing unique costs incurred by the OPS as a result of being in the Nation's Capital, and directed the Board Chair to send a letter and business case to the Federal Government requesting reimbursement of \$2 million per year for those unique costs; Mayor Watson was invited to co-sign the letter.

- **Update on Traffic Stop Race Data Collection Project (TSRDCP)** – The TSRDCP is the result of an agreement between the Ontario Human Rights Commission (OHRC) and the Ottawa Police Services Board (OPSB) under which police officers will record their perception of driver race (by observation only) at traffic stops for a two-year period that began on June 27, 2013. The largest study of its kind in Canada, the OHRC and the OPS believe that race-based data collection is an important tool to support bias-free policing services. Full information, updates and opportunities to stay engaged are available online at [www.ottawapolice.ca/race](http://www.ottawapolice.ca/race).
- **Purchase of Conducted Energy Weapons (CEWs)** – Last year after months of consultation with stakeholders, the Board approved a plan to introduce additional CEWs for front-line officers who meet specific criteria. In March the Board gave approval for the Chief to spend money included in the 2015 budget for 100 new CEWs.
- **2014 Board Activity, Training and Performance Report** – This annual report provides information on the meetings, events and training attended by the Board members during the previous year, as well as the results of an evaluation of the Board's performance. It was another productive and busy year for the members of the Board, who collectively attended a total of 21 formal Board and committee meetings and 84 other events related to their work. The other events include such things as community meetings, events and fundraisers, meetings with community partners or with Provincial officials and colleagues from other boards in the Province, collective bargaining sessions, police recruit badge or awards ceremonies, and the list goes on. In total, Board members collectively spent 242 hours at meetings and other events as part of their duties, representing a significant commitment of time and effort in service to the community.
- **Board Work Plan for 2015** – The work plan sets out the tasks the Board intends to complete in 2015 in order to fulfil its legislative and governance responsibilities and strategic priorities.
- **Calendar of Board Monitoring Requirements for 2015** – The calendar lists all of the reports of a monitoring nature that must be submitted to the Board in 2015 and the months they are due, to ensure the Board is fulfilling its oversight responsibilities under the *Police Services Act* and its own policies.
- **Positive Workplace – 2014 Annual Report** - This report provides a general overview of the Police Service's Respectful Workplace Program and statistical information on the utilization and outcomes of that Program.
- **Workplace Accidents and Injuries – 2014 Annual Report** - This report is provided to the Board to meet the Chief's requirement under the Occupational Health & Safety Policy (Policy CR-15). It reports on the frequency and severity of injuries, and the effectiveness of the policy and programs in place.
- **2013-2015 OPS Business Plan – Semi-Annual Report** – This report provides a progress report on action and success indicators on achieving the goals and objectives contained in the 2013-2015 Business Plan for each of four strategic priority areas.

The following fourth quarter 2014 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.

- **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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.*