

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 31 May 2017

### **BOARD FINDS NO EVIDENCE OF PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT BY POLICE CHIEF WITH RESPECT TO MEMBER SUSPENSIONS FOLLOWING BRIEFING**

In light of recent media reports alleging preferential treatment by Ottawa Police Chief Charles Bordeleau with respect to member suspensions, the Board requested a briefing from the Chief during its May 29, 2017, meeting.

After receiving further information from the Chief, the Board was unanimously satisfied with the Chief's handling of member suspensions to date.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Eli El-Chantiry offers the following comment:

"Transparency, fairness, and consistency is very important in these processes, both for members and for the public. The Board wanted more information from the Chief on how he and his staff make decisions around suspensions. We also wanted to be walked through some past decisions so we could remain confident that his administration of this part of the complaints system is done in a fair way. Now that we've received the information we requested, the Board has no doubt with respect to the Chief and his staff's decision making around member suspensions. It is both fair and consistent. We are confident in the integrity of the police service."

- 30 -

For additional information, contact Krista Ferraro, Executive Director, Ottawa Police Services Board, at 580-2424, ext. 21618.