

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **OTTAWA POLICE SERVICES BOARD ANNOUNCES NEW DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE**

OTTAWA - The Ottawa Police Services Board is pleased to announce that it has selected Superintendent Steven Bell as the new Deputy Chief. He will replace Deputy Chief Ed Keeley who is currently on leave pending his retirement at the end of January 2017. This appointment is the culmination of an internal search conducted by the Police Services Board over the past month and a half.

Deputy Chief-Designate Bell is a 21 year veteran of policing, having served all but one year with the Ottawa Police Service. During that time he has gained experience in various positions including: Neighbourhood Officer, Drug Unit, Guns and Gangs Unit, youth section, Professional Standards, Courts and Temporary Custody, and the Service Initiative. He is currently the Chief Human Resources Officer overseeing the Resourcing and Development Directorate.

Steve's background gives him a solid understanding of both the community's diverse needs as well as the needs of Police Service members. The Deputy Chief-Designate is a demonstrated innovative and strategic thinker who is successful at managing complex organizational change. He has played a key role on several significant projects which have transformed the Police Service including the Gender Audit, Service Initiative, and Wellness Strategy. Deputy Chief-Designate Bell is also actively involved in the community: he currently serves as President on the Board of Directors for Rideauwood Addictions and Family Services, and is involved in the Kanata Minor Hockey Association. He has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology and Political Science.

Board Chair and City Councillor Eli El-Chantiry stated, "Deputy Chief-Designate Bell is a highly motivated, forward-thinking law enforcement professional who brings creativity and enthusiasm to the job. His contributions will be invaluable as we continue to work on transforming the Police Service to address the needs of members and better serve the community." Chief of Police Charles Bordeleau added, "Supt. Bell's experience, fresh ideas, and ability to motivate people are an asset to the organization, and I look forward to welcoming him to my Executive Command team."

Deputy Chief-Designate Bell, commented, "I am extremely proud and honoured to take on this new role within the organization, and look forward to working with Chief

Bordeleau, members of the Police Service, the Board, and community partners to continue to provide the highest level of safety and security in the City of Ottawa.”

The Ottawa Police Services Board is a seven-member civilian body established under Provincial legislation that is responsible for governing the Ottawa Police Service and for recruiting the Chief of Police and Deputy Chiefs of Police.

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