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#### BOARD APPROVES CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR CHIEF BORDELEAU

OTTAWA – The Ottawa Police Services Board has approved an extension to the term of Ottawa Police Service Chief Charles Bordeleau until May of 2019.

“We are proud of the performance of the Ottawa Police Service (OPS), its members and its leadership in serving this community,” said Chair Eli El-Chantiry on behalf of the Board. “As a Board, one of our roles is to ensure the OPS has consistent and strong leadership. The extension of the Chief’s contract ensures that.”

The Board agrees with the Chief’s direction and priorities for the organization, said Chair El-Chantiry, which include a commitment to Members’ wellness in addition to operational priorities of Guns and Gangs, Violence against Women, and Traffic Safety.

“I am pleased to accept this extension. It is an honour to serve as Chief of Police for the nation’s capital and to serve with the professional and dedicated members of the OPS,” said Chief Bordeleau. “My focus will remain on supporting members and ensuring they have the tools to do their job. Our Service will continue to focus on strengthening community safety -- enforcing the law and preventing crime and victimization. We are also committed to keeping a strong focus on transforming and adapting the organization to meet the operational and business challenges it will face in the coming years.”

The Chief is supported by Deputy Chief Ed Keeley and Deputy Chief Jill Skinner, whose contracts run until July 2017 and June 2018.

“The Board has been very pleased with the leadership and performance of all members of the Executive Command and each of them has our confidence,” said Chair El-Chantiry.

“We are happy to have secured stability in our police leadership as we plan for and deliver policing in 2017 given the extensive plans for celebrating Canada’s 150<sup>th</sup> birthday, and as we continue to implement changes in the way we do business to meet current and emerging trends.”

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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