



## A Newsletter from the Ottawa Police Services Board

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## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Welcome to the December 2013 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](http://www.ottawapoliceboard.ca).

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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

Please be advised that the Ottawa Police Services Board meeting scheduled for December 16, 2013 has been cancelled. The next meeting will be held on January 27, 2014.

Please note the Police Services Board office will be closed from noon on December 24, and will reopen for business on December 30, 2013.

## 2014 POLICE BUDGET APPROVED

The 2014 Operating and Capital Budgets for the Police Service were approved by the Board on November 25 and by City Council on November 27. The net operating budget of \$263.9 million and capital budget of \$7.6 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 1.99% meets the target set by the Police Services Board. The increase equates to approximately \$11 per year for the average homeowner.

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## BOARD MEMBER CARL NICHOLSON RECEIVES ORDER OF OTTAWA

Member Carl Nicholson was inducted into the Order of Ottawa at a ceremony hosted by Mayor Jim Watson at City Hall on 21 November 2013. Through his professional work, Mr. Nicholson has helped make Ottawa an even better place to live and through his contributions has demonstrated how one person's actions can make a difference in the lives of others in our community. A longtime advocate and visionary in the field of immigrant services, Carl has been the Executive Director of the Catholic Centre for Immigrants Ottawa since 1994 and Executive Director of the Catholic Immigration Centre Foundation since 1996. A strong community builder, he continues to work towards making Ottawa the most harmonious city in Canada through his commitment to social justice for immigrants, thus promoting equality and a sense of belonging, which is the goal of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Under Mr. Nicholson's leadership, the Catholic Centre for Immigrants has provided key start-up assistance to sister agencies including, the Somali Centre for Family Services, the Ottawa Local Immigration Partnership Council, the Urban Diversity Forum, and the Conseil Economic et Social d'Ottawa Carleton. *Congratulations Carl.*



## ANNUAL OTTAWA POLICE SERVICE GALA

Since 2010 the Ottawa Police Service has proudly hosted an annual Ottawa Police Gala in support of local charities in our community. In the past four years, over \$350,000 has been raised in support of some great causes in our community. The gala is an opportunity to not only celebrate policing and its rich history in Ottawa, but also to give back to the community. This year, the Fourth Annual Gala was held on 19 October 2013. At the Police Services Board meeting on 25 November 2013, Chief Bordeleau presented a cheque in the amount of \$105,000 to Christie Lake Kids' representative, Ms. Carole Gagne-Ince.

The 2014 Gala will be held on 25 October 2014. The OPS is currently accepting applications from local registered charities interested in becoming the next charity of choice for the 2014 OPS Gala. Interested applicants must complete and submit a [Charitable Application Form](#) by 17 January 2014.



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*Working together for a safer community  
La sécurité de notre communauté, un travail d'équipe*

### Save the Date

Thursday February 6, 2014 6:00 – 9:00 pm  
The RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Dr, Clark Hall



OTTAWA POLICE SERVICE  
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*The Trusted Leader in Policing  
Le chef de file de confiance dans la police*

Partnership In Action (PIA) presents another:

### Let's Chat Session

The Ottawa Police Services Board and Ottawa Police Service would like your continued involvement with the Traffic Stop Race Data Collection Project (TSRDCP).

Find out more about OPS racial profiling engagement initiatives.

Invitation and more details to follow.  
[ottawapolice/race](http://ottawapolice/race)



## 2014 MEETING SCHEDULE

January 27 July 28	February 24 No meeting in August	March 24 September 22	April 28 October 20	May 26 November 24	June 23 December 15
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## REPORTS RECENTLY RECEIVED BY THE BOARD

In the fourth quarter of 2013 the Board received the following reports that may be of interest to you; reports are available at [www.ottawapoliceboard.ca](http://www.ottawapoliceboard.ca):

- **National Capital Area Crime Stoppers** – The Board receives 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 achievements and challenges. The Board received an informative update and an outline of current initiatives in the areas of: board governance, community outreach, partner and media updates, financial position and the Youth Awareness Initiative.
- **Major Events Policy** – This policy, approved by the Board at the 25 October 2013 meeting, sets out the Board's expectations with regard to major event planning and policing, and provides direction to the Chief of Police to ensure the Board's expectations and obligations are met. It was prepared in response to the 2012 report prepared by the Honourable John W. Morden at the request of the Toronto Police Services Board (TPSB), regarding the G20 Summit that took place in Toronto in June 2010. The policy strengthens the Board's oversight role and ensures ongoing communication between the Chief and the Board in planning major events of an extra-ordinary, one-of-a-kind nature.
- **Public Consultation Policy Annual Report** – The Board's Public consultation policy requires annual reporting on compliance and public consultation undertaken in the past year. Partnership in Action (PIA) remains an important approach for meaningful community engagement by developing, nurturing and strengthening respectful, transparent and trusting relationships between the police and diverse communities in Ottawa. The Community Development Section will be working with the Board to determine public engagement projects for 2014 that meet current community interests, concerns and priorities.
- **Report on SIU Investigations** – The Board received reports from the Chief on three investigations recently completed by the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) involving members of the Ottawa Police Service.
- **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.



## REPORTS RECENTLY RECEIVED BY THE BOARD (CONT'D)

The following third quarter 2013 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](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.*