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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Welcome to the Fall 2016 issue of the Ottawa Police Services Board's quarterly newsletter - a vehicle for sharing information about the work of the Police Services Board. Additional information about the Board is available on the website. In this issue:

- New start time for Board Meetings
- Ottawa Police Service Gala
- Reports Recently Received by the Board.

Eli El-Chantiry, Chair

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NOTICE:

THE BOARD'S REGULAR MEETINGS NOW BEGIN AT 4 P.M.

The next regular meeting is Monday, October 24, 2016. For a complete list of Board meetings visit the <u>website</u>.

OTTAWA POLICE SERVICE GALA

When: November 5, 2016
Where: Shaw Centre

Since 2010 the Ottawa Police Service has proudly hosted an annual Ottawa Police Gala in support of local charities. In the last six years, over \$545,000 has been raised in support of some great causes such as Project S.T.E.P, the Ottawa Mission, the Youth Services Bureau, Christie Lake Kids, Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa, Ottawa Food Bank and the Caring and Sharing Exchange. This year, the Youville Centre and the Distress Centre of Ottawa & Region will be the beneficiaries of the proceeds.

Tickets are \$175 each and can be purchased through the <u>Youville Centre</u> and the <u>Distress Centre of Ottawa & Region</u> websites. The event is sure to be a sellout so get your tickets early! Additional info, including sponsorship opportunities, can be found on the <u>Ottawa Police website</u>.





REPORTS RECENTLY RECEIVED BY THE BOARD

in the third quarter of 2016 the Board received the following reports that may be of interest to you; reports are available at the <u>Board's website</u>:

- Service Initiative (SI) Quarterly Update The OPS, through the SI Program, continues to develop and implement strategies that will ensure the organization is prepared to meet the challenges facing policing, while continuing to deliver and improve the service residents expect. By modernizing the way policing services are delivered in Ottawa, the OPS will enhance community safety through a more sustainable policing model that is adaptable to future pressures. The OPS will continue to keep the Board, members, and the community engaged throughout this process.
- Traffic Stop Race Data Collection Project Update The project was undertaken in June 2013 as part of a settlement with the Ontario Human Rights Commission. This report included information about the release date of the final report on the project (October 24) and plans for ongoing community engagement.
- 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.

The following third quarter 2016 reports were received:

- Board Monitoring Requirements Status Report: Second Quarter 2016 An annual Calendar of Monitoring Requirements sets clear expectations for OPS staff and the Board with regard to when reports of a monitoring nature are due. It assists the Board in meeting its legislative obligations to monitor, on a regular basis, certain aspects of Police Service business such as the status of the budget, administration of the public complaints system, and the achievement of Business Plan objectives, as well as compliance monitoring required by several of the Ministry Policing Standards.
- **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.
- **Financial Status Report** the quarterly financial report summarizes the current financial position of the organization. Currently, a balanced position is projected by year-end. The second quarter report also included the 2015 Asset Management Report.

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- Workforce Management Report presents statistical information on workforce activities such as hiring, retirements, resignations and promotions.
- 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.
- 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 the Board's website.

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 3rd Monday). All meetings are open to the public and take place at 4:00 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 the matter falls under the jurisdiction of the Board and they submit a written request at least one week in advance. A complete schedule of meetings is available online.