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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Welcome to the September 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.

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Eli El-Chantiry, Chair

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Champlain Room, City Hall

October 23 – 8:30 am – Special Meeting to Table 2014 OPS Budget

October 28-5:00 pm - Regular meeting

November 25 - 5:00 pm - Public Delegations & Consideration of 2014 Budget

ANNUAL OTTAWA POLICE SERVICE GALA

When? 19 October

Where? Ottawa Convention Centre

Since 2010 the Ottawa Police Service has proudly hosted an annual Ottawa Police Gala in support of local charities in our community. Not only does the gala raise funds for important causes, it also brings members of the Service together with the people they serve. Over the last three years, over \$250,000 has been raised in support of some great causes in our community such as Project S.T.E.P, the Ottawa Mission and the Youth Services Bureau. This year, the Service is thrilled that Christie Lake Kids will be the beneficiary of this year's proceeds.

Tickets are \$175 each and can be purchased through the **Christie Lake Kids** website. The event is sure to be a sellout so get your tickets early! Additional info, including sponsorship opportunities, is available at **www.ottawapolice.ca**.

CARL NICHOLSON RE-APPOINTED TO BOARD



Board member Carl Nicholson, first appointed to the Police Services Board in September 2010 for a three year term, has been re-appointed for a further three year term by Order-in-Council of the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario. His new term expires on 15 September 2016.

Mr. Nicholson has been Executive Director of the Catholic Immigration Centre (CIC) since 1994 as well as Executive Director of the Catholic Immigration Centre Foundation since 1996. Carl has extensive experience on boards and other governance organizations in the Not for Profit sector generally and the Immigrant Serving sector in particular. Examples of his ongoing work in these fields include being a founder and member of LASI (Local Agencies Serving Immigrants); Treasurer of World Skills; past Treasurer (two terms) and current President of the Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants; member of



the Executive of the Ottawa Local Immigration Partnership Council; member of the National Settlement Council (an advisory body to Citizenship Immigration Canada), founder and Board member of MOST (Making Ottawa Safe Together); leader of the Ottawa Our Diverse City initiative; past Chair of the United Way/Centraide Ottawa Immigrant Impact Council and member of the Community Services Cabinet; past Co-chair of the Community and Police Action Committee (COMPAC), Vice President of Watercan; Member of the Canadian Border Services Advisory Committee; Co-chair of the Governing Council of the Welcoming Communities Initiative and; Treasurer member of the Executive Committee of the Human Resources Council for the Voluntary Sector. He is also a founder of the Jamaican Canadian (Ottawa) Association.

Carl has been recognized several times for his contributions to the community. In 2004 he was given the 'Investing in People Award' by the Community Foundation of Ottawa; in 2003 he was recognized by United Way Centraide Ottawa with a 'Community Builder Award' as part of the partnership Local Agencies Serving Immigrants (LASI). In 2007 he was presented with the Lignum Vitae award by the National Institute of Jamaican Canadians. In 2008 he was recognized by the Social Planning Council of Ottawa with the Marion Dewar Defender of the Public Good award and In January 2011, he was the recipient of the Ottawa Community Leadership Award bestowed by the 'Dreamkeepers' in honour of Dr. Martin Luther King Jnr.

Board Chair Eli El-Chantiry stated, "All of us on the Board are delighted that we will be able to continue working with Carl. He brings invaluable insight and wisdom to our discussions, and is a strong and dedicated contributor to the Board and the community we serve."

Stated Nicholson, "I am very pleased to be given this chance to be of service. Police Board membership has a relatively steep learning curve and another term will give me the opportunity to further deliver on the investment that our community and the Board have made in me."



The Ottawa Boys and Girls Club is holding its annual Awesome Auction on November 15th at the Ottawa Convention Centre. Join them for a fun evening of dinner, live and silent auctions, and an after-party featuring the funk and soul music of the Funktion Band! For \$75 you get all of the above, or if you can't make the dinner and auction, you can attend the after-party at 9:30 p.m. for \$40. For more information visit www.awesome-auction.com.

2014 POLICE BUDGET REVIEW



The 2014 Draft Operating and Capital Budgets for the Ottawa Police Service will be tabled with the Board at a special meeting on October 23 at 8:30 a.m. in the Champlain Room at City Hall. It will then be available online at either www.ottawapolice.ca or www.ottawapoliceboard.ca. Opportunities for public input will be available at any of the open houses being held by the City of Ottawa on the budget or at the Board meeting on November 25th at 5:00 p.m. For more info or to register to speak at the November Board meeting, please contact Lynn Kennedy at lynn.kennedy@ottawa.ca or (613) 560-1270.



REPORTS RECENTLY RECEIVED BY THE BOARD

In the third quarter of 2013 the Board received the following reports that may be of interest to you; reports are available at www.ottawapoliceboard.ca:

- Renewal of OC Transpo Special Constable Program The Board approved the continuation of the Program for five more years until July 30, 2018. The Program supplements the law enforcement provided by the Ottawa Police Service by allowing 48 members of the City of Ottawa Transit Security and Enforcement Section to serve as special constables. They have authority to undertake tasks involving lower level crime or activities that may require law enforcement but not necessarily a police officer. Between 2008 and 2012, calls for service for OC Transpo special constables increased by approximately 8,800 from 13,812 to 22,604 per year.
- 2013 2015 Business Plan Semi-Annual Status Report The 2013-2015 A Plan Where Everyone Matters, is the Ottawa Police Services Board's sixth business plan created to ensure the delivery of adequate and effective police services. Adopted by the Board 25 March 2013, it sets the course for the organization over the next three years. The semi-annual report outlines progress made to date in achieving the goals and objectives set out in the Plan.
- Report on SIU Investigations The Board received reports from the Chief on two 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.

The following second quarter 2013 reports were received:

- **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. As of July 22 staff was predicting a breakeven position **for** 2013, although there are pressures. The next status report will be submitted in October.





REPORTS RECENTLY RECEIVED BY THE BOARD (CONT'D)

The following first quarter 2013 reports were received (cont'd):

- **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.
- Calendar of Board Monitoring Requirements Update this calendar lists all of the reports
 of a monitoring nature that must be submitted to the Board and the months they are due,
 to ensure the Board is fulfilling its oversight responsibilities under the Police Services Act
 and its own policies.
- 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.

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 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.