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OTTAWA POLICE SERVICES BOARD
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A Newsletter from the Ottawa Police Services Board

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Welcome to the December 2012 issue of the Ottawa Police Services Board's newsletter - a vehicle for sharing information about the work of the Police Services Board.

In this issue:

- 2013 Police Services Board Meeting Schedule
- 2013 Police Budget Approved
- Let's Chat about Priorities: "A Plan Where Everyone Matters"
- Reports Recently Received by the Board.

I hope you find the newsletter informative; additional information about the Board is available at www.ottawapoliceboard.ca.



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 note the Police Services Board office will be closed between December 24, 2012 and January 1, 2013.

Urgent inquiries can be directed to (613) 580-2475.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING
December 17, 2012
5:00 pm, Champlain Room, City Hall**



2013 Meeting Schedule

January 28	February 25	March 25	April 22
May 27	June 24	July 22	No meeting in August
September 23	October 28	November 25	December 16

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2013 POLICE BUDGET APPROVED

The 2013 Operating and Capital Budgets for the Police Service were approved by the Board on November 26 and by City Council on November 28. The net operating budget of \$256.3 million and capital budget of \$12.7 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. The budget meets the 2.5% increase target set by the Police Services Board. To achieve this target, new revenues and efficiencies were found, and no new officers will be hired in 2013 to meet growth. The increase equates to approximately \$13 per year for the average homeowner.

LET'S CHAT ABOUT PRIORITIES: "A PLAN WHERE EVERYONE MATTERS" Developing the Ottawa Police Business Plan for 2013 - 2015

On December 4th the Police Services Board and Police Service hosted a community consultation session on the 2013-2015 Business Plan called: Let's Chat about Priorities: "A Plan Where Everyone Matters". The session provided an opportunity for residents and community policing partners to contribute to the Police Service's three year plan through small group discussions about four priority areas: Community, Value, Service and Members. The session was another step in the ongoing consultation process to build a plan for 2013-2015. Input is still welcome and can be provided until December 16th in the following ways:

- email BusinessPlan@ottawapolice.ca
- post on [Facebook.com/OttawaPoliceService](https://www.facebook.com/OttawaPoliceService)
- send a tweet to [Twitter.com/OttawaPolice](https://twitter.com/OttawaPolice)
- mail to P.O. Box 9634 Station T Ottawa, Ontario K1G 6H5, or
- phone 613-236-1222, extension 5564.

REPORTS RECEIVED BY THE BOARD

In the fourth quarter of 2012 the Board received the following reports that may be of interest to you; reports are available at www.ottawapoliceboard.ca:

- **Official Launch of New Ottawa Police Service Youth Advisory Committee** - The Ottawa Police Youth Advisory Committee forms part of a broader youth engagement strategy and encourages a police-youth relationship by providing a youth voice to Ottawa Police. It facilitates greater input and involvement by youth in Ottawa. The first official meeting was held on June 5, 2012 at Ottawa Police Headquarters. The Committee is youth-led, with police support and resources. Its main purpose is to help the Ottawa Police gain a broader understanding of youth by collaborating on events, programs, and other initiatives.
- **Introduction of Police Collision Reporting Centres** – The Board received a report from the Chief advising that in June 2013, three collision reporting centres (CPCs) will be established to process 70% of vehicle collisions. The move will improve customer service, reduce report processing efforts, generate internal staff efficiencies and increase cost recovery for the distribution of collision reports. The new approach is expected to result in savings of \$1.5 million and improve cost recovery by \$1.4 million.
- **Ottawa Police Gala** - On October 20, 2012, the 3rd Annual Ottawa Police Gala was held at the Ottawa Convention Center with this year's proceeds directed to the Youth Services Bureau (YSB). Approximately 500 community members, partners, and business leaders joined together to celebrate the traditions of policing with the Ottawa Police Service (OPS) and members of partner law enforcement agencies. A total of \$127,000 was raised in support of the Youth Services Bureau. Since its debut in 2010, the Gala has raised \$267,000 for local charities.
- **Continuation of Police Officers Recruitment Fund** – The Board approved a resolution calling on the Federal Government to continue the Police Officers Recruitment Fund under which the Ottawa Police Service has been receiving \$700,000 annually for the past 5 years. The program is due to be discontinued on March 31, 2013 and will create a pressure on next year's Police budget.
- **Public Consultation Policy Annual Report** – Later this year the service's community engagement philosophy will be enhanced with the creation of an overall community engagement strategy as well as a training plan to support the expansion of Partnership in Action (PIA) and the Board's consultation policy in 2013. 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 2013 that meet current community interests, concerns and priorities.

The following third quarter 2012 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.



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- **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.
- **Board Monitoring Requirements Status Report** – this calendar lists all of the reports of a monitoring nature that must be submitted to the Board in 2012 and the months they are due, to ensure the Board is fulfilling its oversight responsibilities under the *Police Services Act* and its own policies.

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). 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.