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Chief Administrative Officer Blair Dunker retires from the Ottawa Police Service effective January 6, 2023

(Ottawa) – Chief Administrative Officer Blair Dunker has retired from the Ottawa Police Service effective January 6, 2023.

CAO Dunker was hired by the Board in August of 2021 and began her role with the Ottawa Police Service in December of that same year.

“On behalf of the Board, I want to wish CAO Dunker all the best in her retirement. When she joined the OPS, she brought with her 28-years’ worth of experience with the Ontario Public Service. Her knowledge and experience have been a tremendous asset to our organization,” stated Suzanne Valiquet, Chair of the Board.

Deputy Chief Steve Bell has assumed the responsibilities of the CAO following Ms. Dunker’s departure.

The Board will be having further discussions regarding the permanent staffing of vacant Executive Command positions and hopes to make a further announcement on the process following the January in-camera Board meeting.

The Ottawa Police Services Board is the civilian body responsible for governing the Ottawa Police Service. It is responsible for ensuring the provision of adequate and effective police services to the City of Ottawa’s residents.

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