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Ottawa Police Service Board Announces Re-election of Chair Fakirani and Vice-Chair Carr for 2026

(Ottawa) – At its first meeting of the year held on January 26, 2026, the Ottawa Police Service Board (Board) re-elected Salim Fakirani as Chair and Marty Carr as Vice Chair. The election was held in accordance with the *Community Safety and Policing Act* (CSPA) as well as the Board’s Procedure Bylaw.

Having served in their respective roles for the last two years, Chair Fakirani and Vice Chair Carr’s re-election reflects the Board’s confidence in their leadership and ongoing commitment to community safety and governance excellence for the residents of Ottawa.

“I am grateful and honoured to have the confidence and support of my colleagues to serve the residents of Ottawa in this role,” stated Chair Fakirani. “I look forward to continuing our work to strengthen governance, listen to our residents and community partners, and support Chief Stubbs, his leadership team and the dedicated members of the Service.” Chair Fakirani added: “We must continue to ensure the Board’s efforts strengthen trust in policing and reflect the needs of our urban, suburban and rural residents. The roll-out of the District Policing model, addressing public safety concerns and crime trends, community partnerships, and workforce stabilization and modernization remain focus priorities in 2026.”

Vice-Chair Carr brings a deep understanding of community concerns and priorities. Vice-Chair Carr stated, “I look forward to supporting the Board in strengthening the partnerships between the police and our community. As we move forward, the Board remains committed to upholding human rights principles and advancing Ottawa’s Community Safety and Wellbeing framework in all aspects of our work.”

Biographies of the Chair and Vice Chair can be found [here](#).

The Ottawa Police Service Board is the civilian body responsible for governing the Ottawa Police Service in accordance with the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019. It is responsible for ensuring the provision of adequate and effective police services to the City of Ottawa’s residents. The Ottawa Police Service Board 2024-2027 Strategic Plan is available [here](#).

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