

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Salim Fakirani and Marty Carr elected as Chair and Vice Chair of the Ottawa Police Services Board**

(Ottawa) – At its January 22, 2024, meeting, the Ottawa Police Services Board (Board) elected Salim Fakirani and Marty Carr as Chair and Vice Chair. The Board is required to elect a Chair and Vice Chair at its first meeting of each calendar year, in accordance with the *Police Services Act* as well as the Board's Procedure Bylaw.

Chair Fakirani is a provincial appointee on the Board. He has always held a passion for international affairs, rights-based dialogue and community service. He articulated with the Law Commission of Canada before starting his career as a lawyer with the Canadian Human Rights Commission. After five years with the Canadian Human Rights Commission, Chair Fakirani joined Justice Canada. At Justice Canada, his duties have included: Acting Corporate Counsel; advising on the legalization of non-medical cannabis in Canada; supporting the offices of the Associate and Deputy Ministers of Justice on complex and sensitive legal matters in the areas of criminal, public law, Indigenous and litigation; and providing strategic advice on justice and security sector reform in fragile states.

Chair Fakirani served his community in a number of areas including, Member of the Ismaili Council for Ottawa (1999-2002), and Member of the Aga Khan Conciliation and Arbitration Board for Ontario (2005 - 2009), and for Canada (2012 -2015).

Vice Chair Carr was elected to Ottawa City Council (Ward 18) in October 2022 following a 20-plus year career in the federal government. She excels at establishing and maintaining effective partnerships and bringing diverse perspectives together to negotiate successful outcomes. She brings a wealth of experience in strategic planning, policy development, communications, stakeholder engagement and project management to her role with the Board.

Vice Chair Carr is passionate about fostering community connections and supporting healthy, vibrant, and safe neighborhoods. Her community service work includes leadership roles on school councils, three years as a member of the Blair Court Community House Board and four years on the Heron Gate Steering Committee. She also served for five years on the Alta Vista Community Association, including three and a half as its President.

In addition to her role on the Board, she serves on the Transit Commission, Ottawa Board of Health, Ottawa's Community Housing Corporation, as well as the Community Services Committee, Environment and Climate Change Committee and Audit Committee. She is also a member of the advisory committee that oversees the City of Ottawa Superannuation Fund, a member of the City's Service Review Working Group and serves as the Council Liaison on the Accessibility Advisory Committee"

The Citizen Appointee position on the Board is currently vacant. The deadline for applications to be submitted to the City has been extended to February 2, 2024. When the Citizen Appointee to the Board is confirmed by Ottawa City Council, the Board may choose to hold another Chair/Vice Chair election.

*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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