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Diane Deans and Sandy Smallwood re-elected as Chair, Vice-Chair of the Ottawa Police Services Board

(Ottawa)- At its January 27, 2020, meeting, Board members Diane Deans and Sandy Smallwood were re-elected as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Ottawa Police Services Board (OPSB) for 2020.

Member Deans is the City Councillor for Gloucester-Southgate Ward, where she proudly represents over 48,000 south-end residents. She was first elected to Ottawa City Council in November 1994. In October 2018, she was re-elected to her eight consecutive term. In addition to being the Chair of the OPSB, she is also the Chair of Crime Prevention Ottawa, and a member of the City's Transportation Committee, the Community and Protective Services Committee, and the Committee of Revision. Councillor Deans has been recognized for her outstanding contributions to municipal life in Ottawa in a number of ways, including being the recipient of: the City Manager's Award for her leadership as the Honorary Co-Chair of the City's United Way Campaign; the Ottawa Public Library's Order of Friendship Award; the Consumers' Choice Woman of the Year Award; and the Ontario Paramedic Association's Award of Appreciation.

Member Smallwood is Council's citizen representative on the Board and is currently serving as Vice President of the Canadian Association of Police Governance, a national body dealing with police governance issues across Canada. He is best known for his work in heritage preservation. He is the founder (1973), and President of Andrex Holdings Limited, a recognized leader in the redevelopment of landmark buildings. Member Smallwood's former community involvement includes being a Councillor in Rockcliffe Park; a board member of the Ottawa Symphony Orchestra; a director of the Ottawa Arts Centre Foundation; a member of the Ottawa and Rockcliffe Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committees; and a member of the Rockcliffe Park Site Plan and Development Advisory Committee. In 2019, Member Smallwood was inducted into the Order of Ottawa for his significant contributions towards making a difference in the lives of residents through his leadership, generosity, talent and expertise.

Chair Deans is currently on a medical leave absence. The Board wishes her a speedy recovery and anxiously awaits her return. In the interim, Vice Chair Smallwood will be acting in her place.

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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