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Ottawa Police Service Board secures leadership stability and continuity with extension of Chief Stubbs' contract through November 2029

(Ottawa) —Today, on the fourth anniversary of Chief Eric Stubbs' swearing-in, the Ottawa Police Service Board is pleased to announce a two-year extension of his contract as Chief of Police, through November 16, 2029.

The extension reflects the Board's confidence in Chief Stubbs' leadership and secures continuity as the Ottawa Police Service advances significant organizational changes and delivers on the Board's strategic priorities.

Since taking office in November 2022, Chief Stubbs has helped stabilize the organization and led a multi-year staffing strategy to rebuild capacity, address critical vacancies and strengthen frontline and specialized services. These efforts have laid the foundation for a renewed emphasis on community policing.

Under his leadership, the Service has also advanced the development and rollout of its district policing model, bringing policing closer to the communities it serves. The model emphasizes stronger relationships with residents and community partners, and services tailored to the distinct needs of Ottawa's urban, suburban and rural communities.

"Chief Stubbs' leadership has brought stability and a focused direction to the Ottawa Police Service during an important period of rebuilding and change," said Board Chair Salim Fakirani. "Since taking on the role, he has advanced the staffing and organizational changes needed to strengthen community policing and respond to residents' priorities. Just as importantly, he has earned the trust of residents, community organizations and his policing colleagues through his steady, collaborative approach. The Board values his commitment to the safety and security of the residents of Ottawa and looks forward to building on this progress together in the years ahead."

The extension will support the continued implementation of the district model and the Service's broader modernization efforts, with a focus on delivering responsive, effective and equitable policing.

"It is an honour to continue serving as Ottawa's Chief of Police, and I thank the Board for its confidence," said Chief Stubbs. "I have the privilege of working with an incredible team of officers and civilian members. Their passion and dedication to keeping Ottawa safe is on display everyday. Together with our community partners, we are putting relationships and local needs at the centre of our approach to policing. I look forward to

building on this work, supporting our members and delivering improvements that residents can see and experience in their neighbourhoods."

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