

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Ottawa Police Service Board Extends Condolences on the Passing of Sgt. Robert (“Bobby”) Cleroux**

The Ottawa Police Service Board extends sincere condolences to the family, friends, and Ottawa Police Service colleagues of Sgt. Robert “Bobby” Cleroux, who passed away on Friday.

“On behalf of the Board, we offer our heartfelt sympathy to Sgt. Cleroux’s loved ones and to the entire policing family who are mourning this profound loss,” stated Chair Fakirani. “We also recognize the difficult time this represents for fellow officers who continue to carry out their duties while grieving the loss of a colleague and friend.”

Any loss of life is deeply felt. Police services are close-knit workplaces, and events like this affect many people across the organization and the broader community.

The Board will continue to work with the Chief of Police and Ottawa Police Association to ensure strong supports are in place for member wellbeing - including mental health resources, peer support, and health benefits.

Every member, whether sworn or civilian, should know they are valued, supported, and never alone. Caring for the people who serve the community is part of our responsibility, and ongoing priority for the Ottawa Police Service Board.

Anyone in Canada who needs support can call or text 9-8-8 at any time to connect with trained responders who provide confidential support.

Our thoughts remain with the officer’s family, friends, and colleagues during this time of sorrow.

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