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Ottawa Police Services Board Announces Selection of New Chief Administrative Officer

Ottawa—The Ottawa Police Services Board is pleased to announce that Blair Dunker has been selected as the new Chief Administrative Officer of the Ottawa Police Service (OPS). She will begin in her new role effective December 6, 2021.

“The Board is very pleased with its selection of Blair as the new CAO of the OPS. We are confident that the knowledge, skills and experience she brings with her from her 28-year career with the Ontario Public Service will be an immense asset to the Service, its members, and the OPS Command Team,” said Board Chair Diane Deans.

“I am excited to join a team whose work has such a direct day-to-day impact on people in the community. I am looking forward to supporting the Service in achieving its vision of being a trusted partner in community safety and delivering effective policing services to the citizens of Ottawa,” said Ms. Dunker.

Biography of Blair Dunker

Blair has extensive, broad, and varied experience within the Ontario Public Service developing and leading high performing teams. She has held several leadership positions over the past two decades including Finance Director for the Ministry of Community & Social Services and the Ministry of Children & Youth Services, as well as Corporate Services Director for Social Justice Tribunals Ontario under the Ministry of the Attorney General. Her earlier career focused on policy analysis and implementation as well as leadership roles in business planning including several years with the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services. She is currently the CAO and Assistant Deputy Minister of Corporate Services for the Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs, Cabinet Office, and the Premier’s Office. She is known for building diverse, inclusive, and collaborative cultures, including the leadership of the Ministry’s Anti-Racism Action Plan, and successfully implementing significant change management initiatives.

Blair has three grown sons and is joining us from Toronto with her spouse and two dogs. She is planning to embrace Ottawa winters while improving her skiing and skating skills.

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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