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Suzanne Valiquet re-appointed as Interim Board Chair until the expiration of her appointment

(Ottawa) – On Thursday, January 5, 2022, a special meeting of the Ottawa Police Services Board was called to deal with in-camera personnel matters. Due to a technical issue, the live stream view of the meeting did not show all of the Board members present and voting. All Board members were in attendance at the meeting.

As this was the first meeting of the Board in the 2023 calendar year, the *Police Services Act* as well as the Board's Procedure Bylaw requires that the Board elect a chair and vice chair.

In light of the ongoing recruitment taking place for a new citizen appointee on the Board, a motion was moved at the meeting to suspend the Board's rules of procedures for the purposes of considering a motion to re-appoint Suzanne Valiquet as the Chair of the Board until the expiration of her appointment. Her appointment is set to expire when a new citizen representative is appointed to the Board by Ottawa City Council. Both the motion to suspend the rules of procedure as well as the motion to appoint Suzanne Valiquet as Chair were carried unanimously.

In keeping with its Procedure Bylaw, the Board then passed a resolution to move in-camera to discuss personnel matters.

Applications for the position of citizen appointee are currently being accepted until January 23, 2023, after which a Selection Panel, established by City Council, will go through the applications and make a recommendation concerning the appointment, through a public report to City Council. The Office of the City Clerk is responsible for the administration of appointments to Advisory Committees, Boards and Task Forces, and External Boards, Commissions and Authorities.

The Ottawa Police Services Board is the civilian body responsible for governing the Ottawa Police Service. It is responsible for the provision of adequate and effective police services to the City of Ottawa's residents.

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