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Ottawa Police Services Board to hold its January 23 meeting virtually

(Ottawa) – Further to feedback received from the community, the Ottawa Police Services Board is exploring different options to create a fair, safe and accessible means to engage with all citizens of Ottawa in more meaningful and productive ways, particularly at its Board meetings. Further to this goal, the Board will be holding its next monthly meeting on January 23, 2023, virtually through Zoom. The public meeting will begin at 4 pm and will be live streamed over Ottawa City Council's [YouTube channel](#). As well, the public will be able to access the meeting directly through Zoom, using a link that will be posted on the Board's website on January 18, along with the agenda.

The Board will be setting aside 60 minutes for the hearing of oral delegations at its next meeting. Priority will be given to delegations that speak directly to the Board's items of business.

Any community member or organization interested in speaking at the January 23 Board meeting is requested to contact the Executive Director, Krista Ferraro krista.ferraro@ottawa.ca. Requests to speak to items not on the agenda must be made at least five (5) working days before the meeting. Requests to speak to an item listed on the agenda may be received up until the start of the meeting. Delegates are asked to provide a summary of the key points they wish to raise as part of their request to speak. The Board reminds all delegations to be respectful of all participants and the Board's process.

The Board is also encouraging organizations and community members to submit comments in writing concerning agenda items and/or any matters under the Board's mandate, to the Executive Director.

The Board will continue to strive to provide meaningful opportunities for citizens of Ottawa to engage in its efforts to provide effective oversight and governance responsibilities.

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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