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### CARL NICHOLSON RE-APPOINTED TO POLICE SERVICES BOARD

Board member Carl Nicholson, first appointed to the Police Services Board in September 2010 for a three year term, has been re-appointed for a further three year term by Order-in-Council of the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario. His new term expires on 15 September 2016.

Mr. Nicholson has been Executive Director of the Catholic Immigration Centre (CIC) since 1994 as well as Executive Director of the Catholic Immigration Centre Foundation since 1996. Carl has extensive experience on boards and other governance organizations in the Not for Profit sector generally and the Immigrant Serving sector in particular. Examples of his ongoing work in these fields include being a founder and member of LASI (Local Agencies Serving Immigrants); Treasurer of World Skills; past Treasurer (two terms) and current [President](#) of the Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants; [member of the Executive of the Ottawa Local Immigration Partnership Council](#); [member of the National Settlement Council \(an advisory body to Citizenship Immigration Canada\)](#), founder and Board member of MOST (Making Ottawa Safe Together); leader of the Ottawa Our Diverse City initiative; past Chair of the United Way/Centraide Ottawa Immigrant Impact Council [and member of the Community Services Cabinet](#); past Co-chair of the Community and Police Action Committee (COMPAC), Vice President of Watercan; Member of the Canadian Border Services Advisory Committee; Co-chair of the Governing Council of the Welcoming Communities Initiative and; [Treasurer](#) member of the Executive Committee of the Human Resources Council for the Voluntary Sector. He is also a founder of the Jamaican Canadian (Ottawa) Association.

Carl has been recognized several times for his contributions to the community. In 2004 he was given the 'Investing in People Award' by the Community Foundation of Ottawa; in 2003 he was recognized by United Way Centraide Ottawa with a 'Community Builder Award' as part of the partnership Local Agencies Serving Immigrants (LASI). In 2007 he was presented with the

Lignum Vitae award by the National Institute of Jamaican Canadians. In 2008 he was recognized by the Social Planning Council of Ottawa with the Marion Dewar Defender of the Public Good award and In January 2011, he was the recipient of the Ottawa Community Leadership Award bestowed by the 'Dreamkeepers' in honour of Dr. Martin Luther King Jnr.

Board Chair Eli El-Chantiry stated, "All of us on the Board are delighted that we will be able to continue working with Carl. He brings invaluable insight and wisdom to our discussions, and is a strong and dedicated contributor to the Board and the community we serve."

Stated Nicholson, "I am very pleased to be given this chance to be of service. Police Board membership has a relatively steep learning curve and another term will give me the opportunity to further deliver on the investment that our community and the Board have made in me."

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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