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CANCELLATION OF MARCH 23 OTTAWA POLICE SERVICES BOARD MEETING

(Ottawa)- After careful thought and in response to the local, provincial and national escalation of the COVID-19 pandemic, including the recently declared state of emergency by the Premier of the Province, the Ottawa Police Services Board has decided to cancel its March 23, 2020 meeting.

Our Board is committed to the health and safety of our community and any steps which will aid in mitigating the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board wishes to reassure the public that our governance role continues. Items which were scheduled to be discussed at the March 23rd Board meeting will be discussed in April, apart from any time sensitive matters which may need to be addressed through alternative means.

Details related to COVID-19 continue to be fast-moving targets. We believe the decision to cancel our March meeting is evidence-based, proactive and responsible, and is intended to support our community, our members and to help stem the COVID-19 pandemic.

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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