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Ottawa Police Services Board launches community engagement on Chief of Police recruitment

(Ottawa) – The Ottawa Police Services Board has launched its community engagement process to help inform the search for the next Chief of the Ottawa Police Service.

The community engagement process is being led by Ottawa-based firm, Hefid.Solutions, in collaboration with the executive search firm, Odgers Berndtson, previously hired by the Board to assist in the recruitment.

Hefid.Solutions has designed an engagement strategy intended to give all Ottawa residents an opportunity to be heard on what they would like to see in the future leader of the police service. The engagement strategy includes multiple options for providing feedback including an online survey, group engagement sessions, and one-on-one interviews.

We want to hear from you

To complete the survey, you can use the following links:

- **English:** <https://bit.ly/OPSCchiefSurvey>
- **French:** <https://bit.ly/chefduSPO>

The survey will remain open until July 13, 2022.

You can also participate by virtually attending a bilingual, French and English, facilitated session on July 8, 2022, at 5:30 pm through Zoom. To register to attend this facilitated session, please visit <https://opsnextchief.eventbrite.ca>.

Hefid.Solutions will also be holding a series of targeted, one-on-one interviews and group sessions with various representatives in the community to further solicit feedback and ensure input from a range of stakeholder interests.

For more information about this community engagement opportunity, please visit <https://letshearyou.ca/projects>.

How your feedback will be used

Hefid.Solutions will be compiling all of the community feedback into a report that will be presented to the Board at its July 25 monthly meeting. The feedback will be used by the Board and Odgers Berndtson to inform the development of the job posting, as well the interview process for potential candidates.

The Board is very much looking forward to hearing from residents on what they would like to see in the next Chief of the Ottawa Police Service!

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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