

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **BEVERLY JOHNSON APPOINTED TO OTTAWA POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

(Ottawa) – The Ottawa Police Services Board is pleased to welcome Ms. Beverly Johnson as a new member of the Board. The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario appointed Ms. Johnson for a three-year term, effective June 11, 2020.

Board members are required to take an oath or affirmation after they have been appointed. Typically, these oaths or affirmations are taken during our monthly Board meetings. Given the current COVID-19 pandemic and state of emergency, Ms. Johnson was sworn in privately the evening of June 15 so she could begin discharging her duties. She was formally introduced at the Board's monthly meeting on June 22.

#### **Biography of Beverly Johnson**

Dr. Beverly Johnson has been a community family physician in Ottawa since 1989 and is grateful for the honour of providing primary care to families for over 25 years. She grew up in Ancaster, Ontario, then attended University of Toronto Medical School and did a Family Medicine Residency in Winnipeg, prior to moving to Ottawa where she raised her three sons.

As well as serving on the Ottawa Police Services Board, Dr. Johnson is a Past President of the Federation of Medical Women of Canada, a previous Chair of the Financial Committee, and current Board member. Other leadership roles she has held include Co-Chair of Communications for the 100-year-old Medical Women's International Association, as well as Chair of the Teenage Pregnancy Task Force focused on women and girls in middle- and low-income countries.

Dr. Johnson enjoys a balanced life including yoga, daily mindfulness practice, reading, and spending time with her family and friends.

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