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## **Strategic Plan Consultation Survey Now Online**

(Ottawa) — The Ottawa Police Services Board (OPSB) and the Ottawa Police Service (OPS) are asking residents to provide their feedback in a public survey being launched today. The results will help guide the development of the new Strategic Plan and the 2024 Ottawa Police Service Budget.

We encourage everyone who works and lives in Ottawa to participate in the survey to help inform what our priorities should be for the future of the Service.

Ottawa is a diverse community, and to make sure that everyone has an opportunity to be heard, the survey is being issued in eight different languages including English, French, Somali, Arabic, simplified Chinese, Farsi, Inuktitut and Spanish.

To participate in the survey, please visit <u>pia.ottawapolice.ca</u> and click the appropriate language link.

## **Background**

This consultation process will continue until the end of July and includes multiple information and data points including online surveys, polling, direct consultation with specific groups and increased efforts to specifically reach Indigenous, racialized and marginalized groups.

Members of the OPSB and the OPS Command Team will also be meeting in one-on-one sessions with City Councillors and community stakeholders, to listen and learn about what is important to the people who work and live in their Wards and neighbourhoods.

The OPSB and OPS will also review information collected during public information sessions within the City's CSWB program, which addresses local risks to safety and well-being at the community level in six key areas:

- simplifying and integrating systems;
- strategies to address discrimination, marginalization and racism;
- financial security and poverty reduction;
- housing;
- mental well-being; and

• gender-based violence and violence against women.

Consultation results are expected to be presented at a Special Meeting of the Board in August.

If you have questions about the survey or the consultation process, please email <a href="mailto:info@ottawapolice.ca">info@ottawapolice.ca</a>.

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