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Have your say on the 2026 Ottawa Police Budget; Survey launched

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(Ottawa) — The Ottawa Police Service Board (OPSB) and the Ottawa Police Service (OPS) are inviting residents and stakeholders to provide input on the upcoming 2026 Police Budget through the 2025 Budget Consultation Survey. The Board is seeking feedback from the community to ensure the budget reflects the priorities, expectations, and concerns of those who live and work in Ottawa.

The survey will officially launch on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, and will remain open for 14 days, closing on Tuesday, August 5, 2025.

We encourage all Ottawa residents aged 18 and older to participate in the survey, which is expected to take approximately five minutes to complete. Your input will help guide how police resources are prioritized and allocated in the 2026 Draft Budget.

The survey will be offered in two formats:

- A statistically representative telephone-to-online survey, conducted by research firm Advanis, to ensure balanced representation by age and gender.
- An open web link survey, distributed through OPS channels, allowing any member of the public to participate.

To ensure accessibility and encourage broad participation, the survey will be available in eight languages: English, French, Somali, Arabic, simplified Chinese, Farsi, Inuktitut, and Spanish.

To participate in the survey starting July 22, 2025, visit OPS <u>Survey page</u> and select your preferred language. The survey will be hosted on the OPSB, OPS website and promoted across various online and community channels.

Survey results will be presented to the Board and OPS leadership to help inform the development of the 2026 Police Budget.

If you have any questions about the survey or the consultation process, please contact <u>info@ottawapolice.ca</u> or <u>ottawapoliceboard@ottawa.ca</u>.

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Through the Community Safety Data portal <u>data.ottawapolice.ca</u>, members of the public can view, download, and interact with data released by the Ottawa Police Service.

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