



## **Ottawa Police Services Board**

### **Minutes**

**Meeting #:** 73 Special Meeting Tabling of 2023 Budget  
**Date:** February 1, 2023  
**Time:** 8:30 am  
**Location:** Electronic Participation  
**Present:** Chair: Suzanne Valiquet, Mayor Mark Sutcliffe, Councillor Cathy Curry, Councillor Marty Carr, Salim Fakirani, Peter Henschel  
**Absent:** Michael Doucet

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1. Notices and meeting information for participants and members of the public
  2. Confirmation of Agenda

**That the Ottawa Police Services Board confirm the agenda of the 01 February 2023 meeting.**

Carried

3. Declarations of Interest  
No Declarations of Interest were filed.

#### 4. Items of Business

##### 4.1 Draft Operating and Capital Budgets

###### Presentation

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OPS staff provided a presentation on the draft budget.

In response to questions, the following points were made:

- If the Board and the Service were able to reduce overtime hours and secure more funding that could be used for additional officers, it would still take time to hire those members and get them ready to be deployed. The other option is to hire experience officers who only require a couple weeks of training before they can go on the road.
- The OPS is part of the Community Safety Knowledge Alliance which provides advice on a number of topics, including budgets. The Chief has connected with Cal Corley at the Alliance and noted the OPS has a lot of similarities with other large communities across the country.
- While the initial investments in IT appear small, they are meant to set the stage for a pilot and foundational work. The Service is in the process of developing a multi-year plan since the last modernization roadmap was halted. There are some capital funds remaining from that project that the Service will leverage. The Board can expect increased budget asks going forward for IT.
- The Chief supports the use of body worn cameras however has not spoken much yet on this topic with the Board or the public.
- There is an opportunity for the Service to partner more with the City, particularly with respect to procurement.
- A report is expected to be released in Toronto around the results of a pilot for diverting mental health calls. The OPS is looking to work with the City on a similar initiative in Ottawa.
- The Service has made a number of investments in the budget focused on the strategic priority of Equity Diversity and Inclusion (EDI).

**That the Ottawa Police Services Board receive and table the Ottawa Police Service 2023 Draft Operating and Capital Budgets, to be considered at the Board meeting on 27 February 2023.**

**Received and Tabled**

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 am.

6. Next Meeting

- Finance and Audit Committee Meeting- Wednesday, February 15, 2023- 10:00 AM
- Regular Meeting – Monday, February 27, 2023 - 4:00 PM