

Report to / Rapport au:

**OTTAWA POLICE SERVICES BOARD
LA COMMISSION DE SERVICES POLICIERS D'OTTAWA**

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**SUBJECT: ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF POLICE SERVICES BOARDS' ANNUAL
CONFERENCE: ATTENDANCE AND SPONSORSHIP**

**OBJET: LA CONFÉRENCE ANNUELLE DE L'ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF
POLICE SERVICES BOARDS : PRÉSENCE ET COMMANDITE**

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Ottawa Police Services Board approve:

- 1. The attendance of Vice Chair S. Fakirani and Member M. Carr at the Annual Conference of the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards, to be held in Niagara Falls from May 30-June 1.**
- 2. A \$1,500 Silver Sponsorship of the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards' 2023 Annual Conference.**

RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT

Que la Commission de services policiers d'Ottawa approuve :

- 1. La présence du vice-président S. Fakirani et membre M. Carr au congrès annuel de l'Ontario Association of Police Services Boards, qui aura lieu du 30 mai – 1 juin 2023 à Niagara Falls.**

2. Une commandite d'argent de 1,500 \$ pour le congrès annuel de l'Ontario Association of Police Services Boards.

DISCUSSION

Attendance at Conference

The Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB) will be holding its annual Spring Conference & Annual General Meeting in Niagara Falls, Ontario, from May 30-June 1, 2023. All members of the Board were canvassed as to their interest in attending.

Vice Chair Fakirani and Member Carr have indicated they would attend on behalf of the Ottawa Police Services Board.

Sponsorship

The Ottawa Police Services Board has contributed financially to the OAPSB Conference each year since 2005.

Sponsorship of the conference assists the OAPSB in minimizing costs to members to attend the seminar; offsetting the expenses related to delivering the virtual event and training; purchasing of virtual technology; supporting the marketing and outreach required to inform and communicate with members; and delivering upgrades to their education and training offered to the membership.

BACKGROUND

The OAPSB is the leading voice of police governance in Ontario. They serve their members and stakeholders, as well as the general public, by:

- helping local police services boards fulfill their legislated responsibilities by providing training and networking opportunities and facilitating the transfer of knowledge;
- advocating for improvements in public safety laws and regulations, practices and funding mechanisms.

Their membership includes police services board members, police and law enforcement officials, and other persons involved in policing and public safety.

The OAPSB Conference is one of two annual conferences available in Canada specifically designed for members of police boards, and Ottawa Police Services Board members are encouraged to attend both, particularly within their first two years on the Board. The Ottawa Police Services Board has recognized the importance of ongoing training and education for its members through its policies and in particular through the

training policy adopted in response to a recommendation from the City's Auditor General. The Board also ensures that sufficient funds are included in its budget each year to support its commitment to ongoing education and enable Board members to attend various learning opportunities throughout the year.

Attached at Document 2 is a letter from Patrick Weaver, OAPSB Chair, regarding sponsorship opportunities for the 2023 OAPSB Annual Conference. The Ottawa Police Services Board has contributed financially to the OAPSB Conference each year since 2005. In exchange for a contribution of \$1,500, the Ottawa Police Services Board will be recognized as a "Silver Sponsor," which includes recognition as a silver sponsor and recognition on the OAPSB website.

The Board's Discretionary Fund Policy attached at Document 3 sets out four categories for priority funding. This request would fall under the category of "Special Board Requirements," which is intended to provide flexibility to the Board to fund requirements associated with Board functions, such as sponsoring events at board-related conferences.

CONSULTATION

Board members were canvassed for their interest in attending the conference and serving on the Board of Directors. There were no expressions of interest to serve on the Board of Directors.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of attending this conference is estimated at approximately \$2000 per person including tax. There are sufficient funds in the 2023 Police Services Board budget to accommodate this request.

The Board is being asked to approve a \$1,500 sponsorship, consistent with previous years' sponsorship of this same event. The proposed \$1,500 sponsorship would be deducted from the Board's discretionary funds. Discretionary funds in the amount of \$121,500 have been included in the Board's 2023 budget.

Based on projected requests for discretionary funding in 2023, there are sufficient funds to cover this expenditure.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Document 1 - 2023 Spring Conference & Annual General Meeting Conference Program

Document 2 - OAPSB Member Partner Package 2023

Document 3 - Board Discretionary Fund Policy