

**Report to / Rapport au:**

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

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**Submitted by / Soumis par:**

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**SUBJECT: "IGNITING THE SPIRIT" GALA - FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR THE  
WABANO CENTRE**

**OBJET: ÉVÉNEMENT-BÉNÉFICE « IGNITING THE SPIRIT » AU PROFIT DU  
CENTRE WABANO**

**REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

**That the Ottawa Police Services Board approve funding for a table at the Wabano Centre's "Igniting the Spirit" Gala being held on June 22, 2023, at a cost of \$3,500 (before taxes).**

**RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT**

**Que la Commission de services policiers d'Ottawa approuve le financement d'une table au coût de 3 500 \$ (taxes non comprises) dans le cadre de l'événement « Igniting the Spirit » du Centre Wabano pour la santé des Autochtones, qui aura lieu le 22 juin 2023.**

**BACKGROUND**

The "Igniting the Spirit Gala 2023: Our Stories come from the Stones" is being held on June 22, 2023, at the Ottawa Conference and Event Centre. The event is a sit-down dinner highlighting Indigenous culture and entertainment. All proceeds from this event will go towards Wabano to continue its essential services in the Nation's Capital,

including providing critical care and support to the most vulnerable in the community through its medical clinic; counselling and mental health support; outreach to those living on the streets; care packages for single mothers; and prepared food for isolated seniors. The price of a table for ten people is \$3,500.

The Board's Discretionary Fund Policy sets out four categories for priority funding, one of which is Community Relations through Involvement with Police-Related Organizations. This category of funding is intended to enable the Board to purchase tickets or contribute donations to fundraising events. The attendance and participation of Board members at fundraising events for organizations whose work supports the vision and mission of the Ottawa Police Service serves to demonstrate the Board's support, goodwill and community involvement.

Should the Board approve this request; members will be canvassed to determine who wishes to attend. The Board has supported this event for the past several years.

### **CONSULTATION**

Not applicable.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Funds in the amount of \$6,000 have been included in the Board's 2023 budget for attending community events. There are sufficient funds to cover this request.