

Chair's verbal report - April 24, 2023

Dear Board Members, Chief, CAO, DCs, OPS members, and residents of Ottawa, Wednesday marks my last day on the Ottawa Police Services Board. I have enjoyed these last 6 months of chairing these meetings as well as fulfilling the duties required of the Chair. I am impressed with how we have worked together... even though being a totally new board that came together last February and then in October with the addition of Mayor Sutcliffe and Councillor Carr. You all bring something very unique to this group with your diverse work and life experiences. Most importantly, your willingness to work as a team. This to me, has been very gratifying. I am also proud of our accomplishments in so far as hiring a new Chief, CAO and soon to be announced Deputy Chiefs. We have a new Safe Workplace Office; a new EDI Strategy, fine new recruits, and you are well on your way to developing the new Board Strategic Plan and implementing the Auditor General's 11 recommendations. You are a fine, committed and dedicated group and I wish you all the best in the months to come with Dr. Gail Beck as a new member. Finally, I want to recognize the hard work and dedication of Krista Ferraro, our Executive Director. I remember your initial interview, Krista, even pulled your name out of the pack of candidates. You have grown in this job and are a real asset to this organization. Je tiens à

remercier mes chers collègues ainsi que Randa, l'assistante de la Commission. Je vous remercie tous du plus profond de mon cœur. Merci.