

Report to / Rapport au:

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

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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO MOTION M-20-08: COMMUNITY EQUITY COUNCIL

**OBJET: RÉPONSE À LA MOTION N^o M-20-08 : CONSEIL SUR L'ÉQUITÉ
POLICE-COLLECTIVITÉ**

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Ottawa Police Services Board receive this report for information.

RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT

Que la Commission de services policiers d'Ottawa prenne connaissance du présent rapport à titre d'information.

INQUIRY

WHEREAS the Ottawa Police Community Equity Council (CEC) has a mandate to collaborate with the Ottawa Police Service to work more effectively with Indigenous, racialized and faith based communities in Ottawa; and

WHEREAS the relationship framework of the CEC stipulates that members of the Council are expected to attend meetings, work on a subcommittee and work with both members of their own identified community and members of the public; and

WHEREAS there is a recognition that this work takes time and the commitment may be prohibitive to some who want to participate but do not have the resources to do so; and

WHEREAS to make the membership of the CEC most representative of the community and recognition that resources to full participate in these meetings may be required; and

WHEREAS some of these resources can include things such as reliable transportation and childcare to allow for members to full participate in the CEC,

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Ottawa Police Service allocates an amount no more than \$25,000, to be funded from existing budgets, to support members of the CEC and CEC event participants with reasonable expenses to be determined by the Chief Administrative Officer and

THEREFORE be it further resolved that an accompanying policy for expenses is developed by the CEC to assist with clarifying eligible expenses while still maintaining flexibility.

RESPONSE

The Community Equity Council (CEC) has carefully considered and is thankful for this offer from the Board. However, the CEC has chosen not to accept any reimbursement and instead encourages the Board to apply this investment to other worthy causes in our community, in line with the spirit of the work of the CEC. As such, no policy for expenses is being developed.