

Chair Beck Verbal Report
Public Meeting
September 25, 2023

46th Annual Canadian Police and Peace Officers Memorial

- Yesterday I had an opportunity attend the 46th Annual Canadian Police and Peace Officers Memorial.
- Vice Chair Fakirani was also in attendance with me.
- I was very touched to be a part of this ceremony, honouring the memory of officers killed in the line of duty.
- I also appreciated seeing the large cohort of OPS members on the Hill.
- The ceremony was a sobering reminder of the dangers our officers face when serving our community, including the most recent tragedy where an on-duty Coquitlam RCMP Officer was killed just this past Friday.
- On behalf of the Board, I wish to extend our condolences to the RCMP and the officer's loved ones on this tragic loss.
- Chief, thank you to you and all the members of the Service for everything you do to keep Ottawa safe.

Community meetings

- At the Board's special meeting on August 25, I provided an overview of the stakeholders I had met with on behalf of the Board to help inform our strategic planning process.

- I noted that I would be continuing my outreach to the community and since that time I have met and spoken with additional stakeholders, including representatives of groups supporting community members living with disabilities.
- I also had an opportunity to attend another meeting of the Community Equity Council and did a tour of a number of investigative units at the OPS, where I was able to meet and speak with several members of the Service.
- Finally, I had a chance to connect with a former Board member and also a member of the public who had requested a meeting.
- The themes of relationship building and increasing public trust continue to come up.
- I am also hearing from public stakeholders that they would like members of the OPS to receive more awareness and training on things like disabilities and intersectionality so they are better equipped with the tools they need in interactions with the public.
- I remain open to meeting with stakeholders and plan to continue my outreach efforts on behalf of the Board.

Strategic Planning

- In terms of the strategic planning process itself, the Board has participated in two rounds of facilitated focus groups with members of the Executive Command to help draft a strategic plan that can be shared back with the community for further input and validation.
- The draft plan will be presented at a special meeting of the Board on October 6.
- Once presented, we will be engaging in further stakeholder consultation on the draft plan to ensure the priorities identified resonate with the needs and wants of the community.

- This additional feedback will be incorporated into the draft and we are targeting to present a final plan for approval at our October 23 regular meeting.

I want to mention also that the Board passed two important motions with respect to the budget.

The Board has directed to hold to an increase of 2.5% in keeping with council's wish to be responsive to the city's needs. However, we note the following pressures on the police budget:

- 1- The growth of the city. Some estimates report that Ottawa has grown by 300,000 in 10 years.
- 2- Costs associated with policing the National Capital.
- 3- Post pandemic socio political environment.

Franco-Ontarian Day

- Et finalement, aujourd'hui est le Jour des Franco-Ontariens et des Franco-Ontariennes, un occasion de célébrer les francophones et les francophiles de notre communauté, d'en apprendre davantage sur leur riche histoire et leur patrimoine en Ontario, et de souligner la contribution de la communauté francophone au paysage culturel, social, économique et politique de la province.
- J'aimerais souhaiter à tous et toutes un joyeux Jour des Franco-Ontariens et des Franco-Ontariennes!