

Chair Beck Verbal Report

Public Meeting

November 27, 2023

Stakeholder engagement

- It continues to be a priority of mine as Chair to make time to meet with community stakeholders.
- I recently had the opportunity to meet with a Community Association along with the Chief, and I am hoping to meet with more in the future.
- I would like to reiterate my invitation to community stakeholders to meet and encourage anyone interested to reach out to the Board office.

CAPG/CPA Summit

- On November 21, Member Henschel and I had the opportunity to attend a joint governance summit hosted by the Canadian Police Association and the Canadian Association of Police Governance.
- While the summit was rather brief, it did provide a valuable opportunity for Member Henschel and I to network and speak with members of Boards from across the country, and to learn about some of the opportunities and initiatives other boards were undertaking.
- In particular, I was able to learn about a training module developed out west for Board members.
- I understand the Province is currently developing mandatory training for Board members as part of the roll-out of the new *Police Services Act* and I am keenly interested in learning more about it.

Use of Delegated Authority

- At the July meeting, the Board provided the Vice Chair and I with delegated authority to approve any memorandums of understanding required by the Service to secure resources from other police services to assist with their operational

response to demonstrations and events that arise between July 24, 2023 and September 30, 2023.

- I can report that the Vice Chair and I approved an MOU with the Toronto Police Services Board for resources needed to assist the OPS in responding to the 1 Million March 4 Children and East Meets West Convoy that occurred in September.

Budget/Strategic Plan

- And finally, as part of this evening's agenda, the Board is voting on the final draft of its strategic plan as well as the 2024 budget for the Service.
- These two items work in tandem and are both meant to reflect the needs of the community and ensure adequate and effective policing.
- The strategic plan helps to set priorities and those priorities guide how we resource the Service.
- Overall, as a Board, we are aiming to be both an effective employer of the members of the Ottawa Police Service, as well as an effective service provider in terms of providing policing services to the community.
- In terms of our duties as an employer, we need to acknowledge the difficult job our members do and the toll it takes.
- We need members that are well in order to effectively serve the community.
- In terms of providing policing services, we need to be both reactive and proactive.
- While there will always be day to day requirements for policing services, we also need to invest time in proactive, preventative activities that work more upstream.
- And lastly, we have to be an effective partner who actively contributes to overall community safety and wellbeing, as well as an inclusive society.
- When we reach the agenda item pertaining to the strategic plan, I will provide more details in terms of our priorities for the Service.
- However I wanted to provide some context for our discussions, as well as some clarity around our role as a Board in terms of priority setting and budgeting.