

**Report to / Rapport au:**

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

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**SUBJECT: ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF POLICE SERVICES BOARDS' ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE: ATTENDANCE AND SPONSORSHIP**

**OBJET: LA CONFÉRENCE ANNUELLE DE L'ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF  
POLICE SERVICES BOARDS : PRÉSENCE ET COMMANDITE**

**REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

**That the Ottawa Police Services Board approve:**

- 1. The attendance of Chair S. Fakirani, Vice Chair M. Carr, Member D. Donaldson and Executive Director K. Ferraro at the Annual Conference of the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards, to be held in Blue Mountain Resort from June 3-5, 2024.**
- 2. A \$1,500 Silver Sponsorship of the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards' 2024 Annual Conference.**

**RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT**

**Que la Commission de services policiers d'Ottawa approuve :**

- 1. La présence du président S. Fakirani, vice-présidente M. Carr, membre D. Donaldson et directrice exécutive K. Ferraro au congrès annuel de l'Ontario Association of Police Services Boards, qui aura lieu du 3 juin – 5 juin, 2024 à Blue Mountain Resort.**

## **2. Une commandite d'argent de 1,500 \$ pour le congrès annuel de l'Ontario Association of Police Services Boards.**

### **DISCUSSION**

#### Attendance at Conference

The Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB) will be holding its annual Spring Conference & Annual General Meeting in Blue Mountain Resort, Ontario, from June 3-5, 2024. All members of the Ottawa Police Services Board (Board) were canvassed as to their interest in attending.

Chair Fakirani, Vice Chair Carr, Member Donaldson, and Executive Director Ferraro have indicated they would attend on behalf of the Board.

#### Sponsorship

The Board has contributed financially to the OAPSB Conference each year since 2005.

Sponsorship of the conference assists the OAPSB in minimizing costs to members to attend the seminar; offsetting the expenses related to delivering the virtual event and training; purchasing of virtual technology; supporting the marketing and outreach required to inform and communicate with members; and delivering upgrades to their education and training offered to the membership.

### **BACKGROUND**

The OAPSB is the leading voice of police governance in Ontario. They serve their members and stakeholders, as well as the general public, by:

- helping local police services boards fulfill their legislated responsibilities by providing training and networking opportunities and facilitating the transfer of knowledge;
- advocating for improvements in public safety laws and regulations, practices and funding mechanisms.

Their membership includes police services board members, police and law enforcement officials, and other persons involved in policing and public safety.

The OAPSB Conference is one of two annual conferences available in Canada specifically designed for members of police boards, and Board members are encouraged to attend both, particularly within their first two years on the Board. The Board has recognized the importance of ongoing training and education for its members through its policies and in particular through the training policy adopted in response to a recommendation from the City's Auditor General. The Board also ensures that

sufficient funds are included in its budget each year to support its commitment to ongoing education and enable Board members to attend various learning opportunities throughout the year.

Attached at Document 2 is a letter from Patrick Weaver, OAPSB Chair, regarding sponsorship opportunities for the 2024 OAPSB Annual Conference. The Board has contributed financially to the OAPSB Conference each year since 2005. In exchange for a contribution of \$1,500, the Ottawa Police Services Board will be recognized as a “Silver Sponsor,” which includes recognition as a silver sponsor and recognition on the OAPSB website.

The Board’s Discretionary Fund Policy attached at Document 3 sets out four categories for priority funding. This request would fall under the category of “Special Board Requirements,” which is intended to provide flexibility to the Board to fund requirements associated with Board functions, such as sponsoring events at board-related conferences.

### **CONSULTATION**

Board members were canvassed for their interest in attending the conference and serving on the Board of Directors. There were no expressions of interest to serve on the Board of Directors.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The cost of attending this conference is estimated at approximately \$2000 per person including tax. There are sufficient funds in the 2024 Police Services Board budget to accommodate this request.

The Board is being asked to approve a \$1,500 sponsorship, consistent with previous years’ sponsorship of this same event. The proposed \$1,500 sponsorship would be deducted from the Board’s discretionary funds. Discretionary funds in the amount of \$104,500 have been included in the Board’s 2024 budget.

Based on projected requests for discretionary funding in 2024, there are sufficient funds to cover this expenditure.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

Document 1 - 2024 Spring Conference & Annual General Meeting Conference Program

Document 2 - OAPSB Member Partner Package 2024

Document 3 - Board Discretionary Fund Policy