

Report to / Rapport au:

**OTTAWA POLICE SERVICE BOARD
LA COMMISSION DE SERVICE DE POLICE D'OTTAWA**

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**SUBJECT: "IGNITING THE SPIRIT" GALA - FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR THE
WABANO CENTRE**

**OBJET: ÉVÉNEMENT-BÉNÉFICE « IGNITING THE SPIRIT » AU PROFIT DU
CENTRE WABANO**

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Ottawa Police Service Board approve funding for a table at the Wabano Centre's "Igniting the Spirit" Gala being held on June 20, 2024, at a cost of \$3,500 (before taxes).

RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT

Que la Commission de service de police d'Ottawa approuve le financement d'une table au coût de 3 500 \$ (taxes non comprises) dans le cadre de l'événement « Igniting the Spirit » du Centre Wabano pour la santé des Autochtones, qui aura lieu le 20 juin 2024.

BACKGROUND

The "Igniting the Spirit Gala 2024: The Heartbeat of Mother Earth" is being held on June 20, 2024, at the Ottawa Conference and Event Centre. The event is a sit-down dinner highlighting Indigenous culture and entertainment. All proceeds from this event will go towards Wabano to continue its essential services in the Nation's Capital, including

providing critical care and support to the most vulnerable in the community through its medical clinic; counselling and mental health support; outreach to those living on the streets; care packages for single mothers; and prepared food for isolated seniors. The price of a table for ten people (copper sponsor) is \$3,500 before taxes.

The Board's Discretionary Fund Policy sets out four categories for priority funding, one of which is Community Relations through Involvement with Police-Related Organizations. This category of funding is intended to enable the Board to purchase tickets or contribute donations to fundraising events. The attendance and participation of Board members at fundraising events for organizations whose work supports the vision and mission of the Ottawa Police Service serves to demonstrate the Board's support, goodwill and community involvement.

Should the Board approve this request; members will be canvassed to determine who wishes to attend. The Board has supported this event for the past several years.

CONSULTATION

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funds in the amount of \$7,000 have been included in the Board's 2024 budget for attending community events. There are sufficient funds to cover this request.