## Chair Fakirani Verbal Report Public Meeting May 27, 2024

## **Passing of Diane Deans**

- Former Board Chair and City Councillor Diane Deans passed away on May 14.
- **She** dedicated her 28-year career as a Councillor to making this city a better place to live, learn and grow, including during her time on the Police Board.
- Diane served as the first female Chair of the Board when she was appointed in December of 2018 and took great pride in the role.
- We extend our deepest condolences to her family and loved ones.
- We are deeply appreciative of her contributions to the community.

## **Police Week**

- Police Week ran from May 12-18.
- The theme this year was Join Policing: Keep Ontario Safe.
- I want to take a moment to thank all sworn and civilian members of the Service, including the Chief and Executive Command.
- The work you do is difficult and extremely valuable and you deserve to be celebrated for the noble profession you chose to join.

## **Community Engagement**

- I continue to take time meet with various stakeholders to help inform the work of the Board.
- I had the privilege of attending:
  - A meeting with representatives of the Burundi community;
  - A recruit swearing-in ceremony;
  - o A meeting of the Community Equity Council; and,
  - A community gathering hosted by the Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition.

This concludes my verbal report.