

## **Chair Fakirani Verbal Report**

### **Public Meeting**

**June 24, 2024**

#### **Departure of Executive Director Krista Ferraro**

- **Effective June 7<sup>th</sup>, Krista Ferraro transitioned out of her role as Executive Director of the Board to pursue an external opportunity.**
- **Krista served as the Executive Director for more than seven years, overseeing the day-to-day management of the Board. Her commitment to our mission has left an indelible mark on the Board and has set a high standard for future leadership.**
- **The Board is grateful for her dedication and professionalism. We extend our sincerest wishes for continued success in her future endeavours and thank her for her service over the years.**

#### **Recognition of Indigenous History Month**

- **Earlier in the meeting I acknowledge that June was National Indigenous History Month.**
- **On June 20<sup>th</sup>, Member Henschel and I had the honour of attending the Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health's Ignite the Spirit event not only to celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day but to recognize Wabano's invaluable contribution to our community. Their commitment to providing culturally relevant health services and promoting the holistic well-being of Indigenous peoples has been inspiring.**

#### **Recognition of International Pride Month**

- I would also like to note that June is International Pride Month.
- It is an opportunity for everyone to reflect on how we can create truly inclusive spaces within our community. This month also serves as a reminder of our commitment to demonstrate unwavering solidarity with the 2SLGBTQQIA+ community.
- Central to the Board's strategic direction for 2024-2027 is the prioritization of Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion. This involves building trust with 2SLGBTQQIA+ communities and fostering a diverse and inclusive workforce by ensuring equitable access to opportunities and continually evolving our organizational culture to support these values.
- Together, we can continue to advance equality, safety, and inclusion for all.

### **Community Engagement**

- I continue to take time to meet with various stakeholders to help inform the work of the Board.
- I had the privilege of attending:
  - o With Vice-Chair Carr, a meeting with Trace the Lace, an advocacy group representing families of the victims of laced drugs; and
  - o With Member Donaldson, a cadet graduation ceremony; and
  - o A family picnic organized by the Ottawa Police Association.

### **OAPSB Conference**

- Members Carr, Donaldson, and I also participated in the Ontario Association of Police Service Boards' Spring Conference.

- **Together with other police service boards, we reflected on the challenges of adapting to the Community Safety and Policing Act which came into force on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The new Act introduced significant changes to the landscape of police governance in the province. In addition to emphasizing the importance of independent civilian oversight of police services, the CSPA introduced new requirements which involve major updates to Board policies as well as operational requirements which involve significant investments in new equipment to meet the legislated standards for adequate and effective policing.**
- **The conference was also an occasion to engage with the Inspector General of Policing, Ryan Teschner, and the staff of the Inspectorate of Policing, who are dedicated to improving the sector's performance and accountability. We notably discussed the importance of transparency and the ways we can support the Inspectorate of Policing's monitoring of police governance in the province.**

**This concludes my verbal report.**