

Report to / Rapport au:

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

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**SUBJECT: SPECIAL OLYMPICS ONTARIO SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS
SPONSORSHIP**

**OBJET: PARRAINAGE DES CHAMPIONNATS SCOLAIRES DES OLYMPIQUES
SPECIAUX DE L'ONTARIO**

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Ottawa Police Service Board approve a \$2,000 Bronze sponsorship for the Special Olympics Ontario School Championships held in Ottawa and hosted by the City of Ottawa and the Ottawa Police Service.

RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT

Que la Commission de service de police d'Ottawa approuve un parrainage de 2000 \$ pour les championnats scolaires des Olympiques spéciaux de l'Ontario, organisés à Ottawa et accueillis par la Ville d'Ottawa et le service de police D'Ottawa.

BACKGROUND

Special Olympics is the world's largest organization for individuals with intellectual disabilities, serving 4.5 million athletes in 172 countries. It offers sports programs and

initiatives like Healthy Athletes and Athlete Leadership to promote health and personal growth. It is the largest public health organization for people with intellectual disabilities, and its athletes are five times more likely to be employed than those not involved. The organization hosts events at various levels, including school-based competitions, regional, national, and world games. It also organizes fundraising and awareness events, with activities taking place locally and internationally.

The event taking place in Ottawa is designed to build confidence, encourage healthy living, and foster a more inclusive society. During the 2024/2025 academic year, over 10,000 high school athletes will compete across the province in an effort to qualify for the 2025 School Championships.

This event is hosted by the City of Ottawa and the Ottawa Police Service, presenting a great opportunity for the Board to demonstrate its commitment to the community through sponsorship.

The Ottawa Police Service Board is encouraged to attend events during the Special Olympics School of Championships from June 3rd to June 5th 2025. The schedule can be found here, <https://schoolchamps.ca/schedule/>

Sponsorship

Attached is the 2025 sponsorship package. The Bronze sponsorship will go towards supporting the event which will welcome students from all across Ontario.

CONSULTATION

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funds for grants in the amount of \$97,500 were included in the Board's approved 2025 budget. The Board uses this fund to provide grants to local community organizations and to assist in sponsoring a number of Board-related conferences, namely the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards and the Canadian Association of Police Governance. Based on projected requests for discretionary funding in 2025, there are sufficient funds to cover this expenditure.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Document 1 – School of Champs Sponsorship Package