

**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 19, 2025, at a cost of \$5000 (before taxes).**

**RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT**

**Que la Commission de service de police d'Ottawa approuve le financement d'une table au gala 'Igniting the Spirit' du Centre Wabano, qui se tiendra le 19 juin 2025, au coût de 5000 \$ (avant taxes).**

**BACKGROUND**

The "Igniting the Spirit Gala 2025: The Walking in Beauty is being held on June 19, 2025, 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 (silver sponsor) is \$5000 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 for grants and sponsorships 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- or Community-related related events. Based on projected requests for discretionary funding in 2025, there are sufficient funds to cover this expenditure.