

Chair Fakirani Verbal Report

Public Meeting

April 28 2025

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

- This month we celebrated National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week from April 13-19th. I would like to recognize and thank all telecommunication professionals for the crucial role they play in keeping our community safe. To honour our Police Communicators, we will be learning more about their role as part of OPS' Communications centres during this meeting.
- As you may know, the Board is beginning a new practice of receiving a short education session on policing matters at the start of each regular Board meeting, delivered by our own OPS subject matter experts and practitioners.
- This evening, the Communications Centre team, led by Eric Janus, will be offering a brief presentation to share insight into the important and often demanding work they do to serve our community.

Major Events Education Session

- On April 8th, all Board Members attended an educational session on Major Events management at OPS headquarters. I would like to thank Superintendent Francois d'Aoust for his excellent presentation on *Preparing for Demonstrations*. It was an opportunity for Board Members and staff to better understand all aspects of major events management, from operational planning and resource tracking to the role of Police Liaison Teams.

Community Engagement

- The Members of the Board and I continue to take time to meet with various stakeholders to help inform the work of the Board.
- Board members are also involved in various engagement activities as well.
- On April 17th, Board member Donaldson attended the Special Olympics Floorball Qualifier event. Thank you Member Donaldson for continuing to represent the Board at the Special Olympics events.
- I attended a tour of the Professional Development Centre this month with the Solicitor General, Chief Stubbs and Deputy Bell and we met with the Algonquin College President.
- Vice Chair Carr, Members Curry and Desroches also met with the Solicitor General this month in both their capacities as Councillors and Board members.
- The Ontario Association of Police Services Board's Zone 2 meeting took place this month on April 24 to 25th in Kingston. Members Donaldson, Desroches and I attended, and it was a very informative meeting. Zone 2 consists of cities such as Ottawa, Brockville, Belleville, Cornwall, Smith Falls, Kingston, Gananoque and Deep River. It is always great to meet with fellow Board members and Police services from different cities to share best practices and learn from each other.

This concludes my verbal report.