

**Report to / Rapport au:**

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

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**SUBJECT: OTTAWA POLICE GALA - FUNDRAISER IN SUPPORT OF THE  
CAPITAL PROSPERITY FOUNDATION AND THE DAVE SMITH YOUTH  
TREATMENT CENTRE**

**OBJET: GALA DU SERVICE DE POLICE D'OTTAWA – LEVEE DE FONDS AU  
PROFIT DE LA FONDATION POUR LA PROSPERITE DE LA  
CAPITALE ET DU CENTRE DE TRAITEMENT POUR JEUNES DAVE  
SMITH**

**REPORT RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Ottawa Police Service Board approve the purchase of a table plus one  
extra ticket for the annual Ottawa Police Gala being held on November 8, 2025, at  
the Rogers Centre, at a cost of \$2,750.**

**RECOMMANDATION DU RAPPORT**

**Que la Commission de service de police d'Ottawa approuve l'achat, pour la  
somme de 2 750 \$, d'une table ainsi qu'un billet supplémentaire au Gala du  
Service de police d'Ottawa, qui aura lieu le 8 novembre 2025 au Centre Rogers.**

**BACKGROUND**

The fourteenth annual Ottawa Police Service Gala is being held at the Rogers Centre on November 8, 2025. The evening will include dinner, dancing, a live band, a silent auction and a raffle. The cost of a ticket is \$250; the cost of a table for 10 people plus one extra tickets is \$2,750.

Since its inception, the OPS Gala has raised just over \$1 million for local charities, helping organizations across Ottawa help those most in need. Through the generous contributions of sponsors, donations, ticket sales and community members, the following beneficiaries have received donations as a result of the OPS Gala:

2010 – Project S.T.E.P. - \$50,000

2011 – The Ottawa Mission - \$90,000

2012 – Ottawa Youth Services Bureau - \$115,000

2013 – Christie Lake Kids - \$105,000

2014 – Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa - \$100,000

2015 - Ottawa Food Bank and the Caring and Sharing Exchange - \$85,000.

2016 – The Distress Centre of Ottawa and the Youville Centre - \$100,000

2017 – Big Brothers, Big Sisters Ottawa and Ottawa Victim Services - \$90,000

2018 – Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group Foundation, Great Canadian Theatre Company and Beechwood Cemetery - \$98,895

2019 – The Snowsuit Fund, Operation Come Home and Beechwood Cemetery – \$86,500

2022 – Youturn Youth Services and Màmawi Together - \$50,000

2023 – The Door Youth Centre and the Roberts Smart Centre -\$59,000

2024- The Sexual Assault Support Centre of Ottawa and the Multifaith Housing Initiative

This year funds are being raised for the Capital Prosperity Foundation and the Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre.

The **Capital Prosperity Foundation** is dedicated to uplifting children and families in Ottawa’s marginalized communities. Through strategic partnerships and community-driven programs, the Foundation provides essential services such as educational support, mentorship, and access to vital resources. Their mission is to eliminate barriers and foster opportunities that empower vulnerable populations to thrive. The Foundation’s commitment to equity and inclusion continues to make a lasting impact on the lives of countless Ottawa residents.

The **Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre** offers live-in treatment and mental health support for youth facing challenges related to substance use. As Ottawa’s only residential treatment facility for youth, the Centre provides comprehensive care in a

compassionate environment, helping young people and their families navigate recovery and build brighter futures. Their work is instrumental in promoting resilience and healing among some of the city's most at-risk youth.

### **BOARD POLICY**

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. The Ottawa Police Gala meets the policy criteria, and the Board has purchased tickets at each of the past galas.

### **CONSULTATION**

Not applicable.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

This event is one that the Board has historically supported. Sufficient discretionary funds remain in the Board's 2025 budget to cover this expense.

### **CONCLUSION**

This is an important opportunity for the Board to support the efforts of the Police Service in partnering and helping organizations serving Ottawa residents, as well as supporting the specific charities chosen each year to receive the funds raised through the Gala.