

Report to / Rapport au:

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

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**SUBJECT: SPONSORSHIP REQUEST FOR THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF
POLICE GOVERNANCE ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026**

**OBJET: PARRAINAGE DE LA CONFERENCE ANNUELLE 2026 DE
L'ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DE GOUVERNANCE POLICE**

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

**That the Ottawa Police Service Board approve a \$7,000 sponsorship for the
Canadian Association of Police Governance's 2026 Annual Conference.**

RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT

**Que la Commission de service de police d'Ottawa approuve une commandite de
7 000 \$ pour la Conférence annuelle de 2025 de l'Association canadienne de
gouvernance de police.**

BACKGROUND

The Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) is holding its 37th Annual
Conference in Edmonton, Alberta from August 12 - 14, 2026.

CAPG is the only national organization dedicated to excellence in police governance in
Canada. Founded in 1989 with the goal to improve the effectiveness of civilian bodies

that govern local police services, they have since grown to represent 80% of municipal police service oversight bodies throughout Canada.

For over 30 years, the CAPG has worked diligently to achieve the highest standards as the national voice of civilian oversight of municipal police. The CAPG works collaboratively and proactively with members and partners to enhance civilian governance of policing in Canada.

Sponsoring the Canadian Association of Police Governance's Annual Conference aligns closely with the Board's mandate and represents a strategic investment in the police governance ecosystem in Canada. The Advocate sponsorship package provides practical benefits, including recognition and visibility for the Board at a national forum and a virtual conference registration, allowing one Board Member or employee to participate remotely. Beyond these immediate benefits, the primary value of this sponsorship lies in supporting CAPG's broader mandate and long-term development.

CAPG already delivers significant value to police service boards across the country. Its annual conference, monthly webinars, and regular virtual forums connecting Board Chairs and Executive Directors across Canada are central to the ongoing training and professional development of Board Members and staff, and provide rare opportunities for peer learning and collaboration across jurisdictions. CAPG is also in the final stages of developing a national training curriculum for police boards, which will further strengthen governance capacity and consistency nationwide. These initiatives are reinforced by CAPG's recently adopted strategic plan, which focuses on expanding its training capabilities and deepening collaboration with provincial associations, including the Ontario Association of Police Service Boards.

Within the Canadian policing landscape, the civilian governance side of the ecosystem remains comparatively underdeveloped. Police associations and chiefs' organizations are older, better resourced, and more influential, and have long benefited from structured forums for policy research, coordination, and technical collaboration. CAPG is increasingly seeking to play a parallel role for police service boards by creating sustained opportunities for collaboration, shared learning, and governance-focused policy development. Supporting CAPG at this stage contributes to strengthening an organization that is already delivering value and is well positioned to expand its impact, ultimately enhancing the effectiveness and credibility of civilian police governance across Canada.

Several peer Big 12 police service boards have increased their level of sponsorship in recent years, with most contributions falling within a range of \$5,000 to \$10,000, reflecting their size, capacity, and leadership role within the sector. Ottawa's support in

previous years has been more modest. Increasing the Board's level of sponsorship to align more closely with peer practices would ensure that its contribution to the national police governance ecosystem is commensurate with its scale, responsibilities, and influence, while supporting an organization whose value to boards continues to grow.

CONSULTATION

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Board is being asked to approve a \$7,000 sponsorship, which includes a \$5000 Advocate sponsorship and a \$2000 Welcome Reception sponsorship. The proposed \$7,000 sponsorship would be deducted from the Board's discretionary funds.

Discretionary funds in the amount of \$97,500 have been included in the Board's 2026 budget, reflecting an increase intended, in part, to strengthen the Board's support for provincial and national police governance ecosystems.

Based on projected requests for discretionary funding in 2026, there are sufficient funds to cover this expenditure.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Document 1– 2026 CAPG Conference Sponsorship Prospectus.

CONCLUSION

The CAPG conference is one of two primary organizations in Canada that solely represent the interests of municipal police boards, and that provide opportunities for professional development and networking with members of other police boards from across the country. The Ottawa Police Service Board has always been a strong supporter of the CAPG and has recognized the value of supporting this conference.