

**Report to / Rapport au:**

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

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**SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE AT THE OAPSB SPRING CONFERENCE 2026 AND  
SPONSORSHIP**

**OBJET: PARTICIPATION A LA CONFERENCE DE PRINTEMPS 2026 DE  
L'OAPSB ET PARRAINAGE**

**REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

**That the Ottawa Police Service Board approve:**

- 1. The in-person attendance of Chair S. Fakirani, Vice-Chair M. Carr, C. Curry, D. Donaldson, Executive Director H. Sayah, and Communications and Community Engagement Advisor B. Mallon at the Ontario Association of Police Service Boards (OAPSB) Spring Conference and AGM being held in Niagara Falls, Ontario from June 1 to 3, 2026.**
- 2. A \$3,000 Gold sponsorship for the OAPSB Spring Conference and AGM.**

**RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT**

**Que la Commission de service de police d'Ottawa approuve :**

- 1. La participation en personne du président S. Fakirani, du vice-présidente M. Carr, C. Curry, D. Donaldson et du directeur exécutif H. Sayah et de la conseillère en communications et engagement communautaire B. Mallon à la conférence de printemps et à l'assemblée générale annuelle de l'Association des commissions de services de police de l'Ontario (OAPSB) qui se tiendront à Niagara Falls, Ontario, du 1 au 3 juin 2026.**

## **2. Un parrainage Or de 3000 \$ pour la conférence de printemps et l'assemblée générale annuelle de l'OAPSB.**

### **BACKGROUND**

The OAPSB will be holding its annual Spring Conference and AGM in Niagara Falls, Ontario, from June 1-3, 2026. All members of the Ottawa Police Service Board (Board) were canvassed as to their interest in attending.

Chair Fakirani, Vice Chair Carr, Member C. Curry, Member D. Donaldson, Executive Director H. Sayah, and Communications and Community Engagement Advisor B. Mallon have indicated they would attend on behalf of the Board.

### **DISCUSSION**

The Board has contributed financially to the OAPSB Conference each year since 2005.

Sponsorship of the conference assists the OAPSB in minimizing costs to members to attend the seminar; offsetting the expenses related to delivering the virtual event and training; purchasing of virtual technology; supporting the marketing and outreach required to inform and communicate with members; and delivering upgrades to their education and training offered to the membership. The Summit will spotlight the major changes in the policing framework and assemble associations, Boards, and police Chiefs. It will feature presentations from industry experts, aiming to foster a collective understanding of the CSPA.

The Board recognizes the importance of ongoing professional development and education for its members through its policies and in particular through the training policy adopted in 2006 in response to a recommendation from the City's Auditor General. The Board also ensures that sufficient funds are included in its budget each year to support its commitment to ongoing education and to enable Board members to attend various learning opportunities throughout the year.

### **CONSULTATION**

Board members were canvassed for their interest in attending the conference.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The approximate cost of attending the conference in person is \$2,000 per person.

Sufficient funds are available for this expense in the 2026 Staff Training and Development/Business Travel accounts.

The Board is also being asked to approve a \$3,000 Gold sponsorship – higher than the previous year's sponsorship. The proposed 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- A sponsorship letter from the OAPSB Chair, Al Boughton.

Document 2- 2026 Spring Conference & Annual General Meeting Conference Program

### **CONCLUSION**

The OAPSB is the only organization in Ontario that solely represents the interests of police service boards, and that provides opportunities for professional development and networking with members of other police boards from across the Province. The Ottawa Police Service Board has always been a strong supporter of the OAPSB and has recognized the value of participating in its conferences.