

Report to / Rapport au:

**OTTAWA POLICE SERVICES BOARD
LA COMMISSION DE SERVICES POLICIERS D'OTTAWA**

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**SUBJECT: OTTAWA POLICE GALA - FUNDRAISER IN SUPPORT OF YOUTURN
YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICES AND MÀMAWI TOGETHER**

**OBJET: GALA DU SERVICE DE POLICE D'OTTAWA - COLLECTE DE FONDS
À L'APPUI DE YOUTURN, SERVICES D'APPUI À LA
JEUNESSE ET MÀMAWI ENSEMBLE**

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That the Ottawa Police Services Board approve the purchase of a table at the annual Ottawa Police Gala being held on October 15, 2022, at the Shaw Centre, at a cost of \$1,750.

RECOMMANDATION DU RAPPORT

Que la Commission de services policiers d'Ottawa approuve l'achat, pour la somme de 1 750 \$, d'une table au Gala du Service de police d'Ottawa, qui aura lieu le 15 octobre 2022 au Centre Shaw.

BACKGROUND

Following a two-year hiatus, the eleventh annual Ottawa Police Gala is being held at the Shaw Centre on October 15, 2022. The evening will include dinner, dancing, a live band, a silent auction and a raffle. The cost of a ticket is \$175; the cost of a table for 10 people is \$1,750.

The OPS Gala raises funds for local charities making an impact for those facing extraordinary challenges. 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

This year funds are being raised for Youturn Youth Support Services and Màmawi Together.

Youturn Youth Support Services is focused on providing individualized services to help youth, with complex needs, develop skills that will help them thrive. This includes bilingual 24-hour on-call support for youth in Ottawa, Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry, Renfrew and Prescott-Russell. The program develops a tailored approach for each youth, coordinating with family and caregivers in order to ensure full access to a wide array of integrated services.

Màmawi Together's mission has been to promote understanding of Indigenous peoples' culture and history, promote better relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, and, ultimately, Reconciliation. It has received support from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and most recently worked with the OPS to host a spiritual cleansing of the National War Memorial and the Aboriginal Veterans' monuments.

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 2022 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.