

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 THE
YOUVILLE CENTRE AND THE DISTRESS CENTRE OF OTTAWA &
REGION**

**OBJET: ACTIVITÉ DE FINANCEMENT DU GALA DU SERVICE DE POLICE
D'OTTAWA AU PROFIT DU CENTRE YOUVILLE ET LE CENTRE DE
DÉTRESSE D'OTTAWA ET LA RÉGION**

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

**That the Ottawa Police Services Board approve the purchase of a table at the
Seventh Annual Ottawa Police Gala being held on November 5, 2016 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 7e Gala du Service de police d'Ottawa, qui aura
lieu le 5 novembre 2015 au Centre Shaw.**

BACKGROUND

**The Seventh Annual Ottawa Police Gala is being held at the Shaw Centre on November
5, 2016. The evening will include dinner, dancing, a live band, a silent auction and a
raffle. 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.

This year funds are being raised for the Youville Centre and the Distress Centre of Ottawa & Region. The Youville Centre is a non-profit, registered charity that serves adolescent mothers and their children. For more than a quarter century, Youville Centre has been an innovative centre that motivates, educates and nurtures young mothers and their children to become self-sufficient, contributing members of society. The Distress Centre of Ottawa and Region plays a key role in establishing a community where individuals in need are supported and empowered to meet life's challenges. The Centre is available day or night, 24/7, to answer the calls from those who are reaching out for help with more than 200 volunteers answering nearly 50,000 calls a year, they provide an integral, important and vital service in the community.

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 a table at each of the past galas.

CONSULTATION

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Discretionary funds in the amount of \$30,000 have been included in the Board's 2015 budget. Of this amount, \$17,000 is pre-committed or earmarked - \$10,000 for the Street Ambassador Program and \$7,000 for the Police Association scholarship fund - leaving \$13,000 for all other requests. This event is one that the Board has historically supported and funds have been included in the budget for it.

CONCLUSION

This is an important opportunity for the Board to support the efforts of the Police Service in helping those in need in our community, as well as the specific organizations chosen each year to receive the funds raised through the Gala.