

**Verbal Report
April 29, 2019**

Members of the Board,

I have a very brief verbal report this evening.

We are all aware of the damage and continuing flood threat all along the Ottawa River this year.

The Chair and I were in Constance Bay today and the damage is heartbreaking.

I want to let everyone affected by the floods that they have our support and we are working to ensure their safety and to mitigate any impact to property.

The Ottawa Police Service is heavily involved in the ongoing response.

We are engaged through the City's Emergency Operations Centre and we have officers deployed at all three affected sites in Constance Bay, Britannia and Cumberland.

Our role is to support the City of Ottawa's overall operation through traffic management, assistance with wellness visits and security.

We expect to be engaged in this response for several weeks and long-term plans are being put in place to ensure we can support those efforts while also continuing regular operations.

We are modifying traffic management plans to deal with the increased volume of vehicles and encroachment of water onto roadways.

This response is a marathon and not a sprint.

I want to thank all first responders, the Canadian Forces members and the many volunteers who are assisting residents and property owners in the areas affected.

We will continue to support them in the days ahead and in the recovery.

This is my last board meeting and I will be retiring this weekend.

I want to thank all members of the board, our members and the community for the privilege of leading this police service.

Policing is always facing new challenges and a lot has changed over the last 35 years.

One thing that has remained the same is the commitment of our members to keeping Ottawa safe.

Our members care deeply about community and countless times they have put service before self.

It's been an honour and pleasure to serve with them all.

I am proud of the work we have accomplished as an organization but there is always more to do.

I know that the leadership and professionalism is in place to take on those challenges in the years ahead.