

**Report to / Rapport au:**

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

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**SUBJECT: ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF POLICE SERVICES BOARDS:  
SPONSORSHIP OF VIRTUAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**OBJET: L'ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF POLICE SERVICES BOARD:  
COMMANDITE POUR LA TENUE VIRTUELLE DE L'ASSEMBLÉE  
GÉNÉRALE ANNUELLE**

**REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

**That the Ottawa Police Services Board approve a sponsorship of \$1,500 for the Ontario Association of Police Services Board Annual General Meeting, to be held virtually May 29, 2020.**

**RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT**

**Que la Commission de services policiers d'Ottawa approuve une commandite de 1 500 \$ afin de permettre la tenue virtuelle de l'assemblée générale annuelle de l'Ontario Association of Police Board le 29 mai 2020.**

**DISCUSSION**

The Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB) was planning to hold its annual Spring Conference & Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Toronto on 27 – 30 May 2020. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and ongoing state of emergency, the OAPSB decided to cancel the Spring conference and hold the AGM virtually. This

cancellation has resulted in a funding shortfall for the OAPSB as well as sunken costs related to conference preparations thus far and new costs associated with setting up the virtual AGM. They have appealed to Boards to provide any financial assistance they can in the form of sponsoring the virtual AGM.

The OAPSB is one of only two organizations in Canada specifically designed for members of police boards. Its mission is to equip Police Service Boards to govern effectively by providing advocacy, expertise, and training. The OAPSB is the leading voice of police governance in Ontario and helps local police services boards fulfill their legislated responsibilities by providing training and networking opportunities which facilitate the transfer of knowledge. The OAPSB also advocates for improvements in public safety laws and regulations, practices and funding mechanisms.

The OAPSB is a key partner and support for the Board. To help ensure the financial viability of the OAPSB, and ease the hardship caused by the current pandemic, the Board is being asked to approve a sponsorship of the virtual AGM.

### **CONSULTATION**

Consultation was not applicable.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Board is being asked to approve a \$1,500 sponsorship, consistent with previous years' sponsorship of this same event.

There are sufficient funds in the 2020 Police Services Board budget to accommodate this request. Further, as a result of the Spring conference being cancelled, the Board is no longer bearing the cost of attendance at the conference, which averages \$2,500 a person with typically 3-4 members attending.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

Not applicable.

### **CONCLUSION**

The Board is being asked to approve a \$1,500 sponsorship of the OAPSB's virtual AGM. The OAPSB is an important resource and partner for the Board as one of only two organizations in the country that hosts conferences specifically designed for police boards. The Board's sponsorship will assist the OAPSB with the funding shortfall it is experiencing due to the conference being cancelled; sunken costs related to conference preparations thus far; and new costs associated with setting up the virtual AGM.