

**Report to / Rapport au:**

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

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**SUBJECT: OUTSTANDING BOARD INQUIRIES & MOTIONS: APRIL 2020**

**OBJET: DEMANDES ET REQUÊTES DE LA COMMISSION EN SUSPENS:  
RAPPORT POUR AVRIL 2020**

**REPORT RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Ottawa Police Services Board receive this report for information.**

**RECOMMANDATION DU RAPPORT**

**Que la Commission de services policiers d'Ottawa prenne connaissance du présent rapport à titre d'information.**

**BACKGROUND**

All inquiries and motions raised at meetings of the Ottawa Police Services Board that require follow up action or response are recorded and monitored. Once a response is received at a subsequent Board meeting, the outstanding inquiry or motion is removed from the list of outstanding inquiries and motions.

At the 19 December 2005 meeting, the City of Ottawa's Auditor General submitted a report to the Police Services Board on the results of his Governance Audit of the Board.

The Audit Report contained 27 separate recommendations for improving the governance practices of the Board, including Recommendation 9.1: *that a report be presented as a regular agenda item at each board meeting that lists all the outstanding inquiries and resolutions*. The Police Services Board approved this recommendation as part of a comprehensive plan for implementing the Auditor's recommendations, and the first monthly report was submitted to the Board in March 2006. A similar report has been submitted to the Board at each meeting since that time.

At present there are four outstanding inquiries, set out in Document 1, and no outstanding motions.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

Document 1 – Outstanding Inquiries as of 27 April 2020

### **CONCLUSION**

Document 1 contains the current list of outstanding inquiries.

## Document 1

**OTTAWA POLICE SERVICES BOARD**  
**OUTSTANDING INQUIRIES AS OF 27 APRIL 2020**

Inquiry #	Description	Meeting Date	Raised by	Assigned to
I-17-01	<b>On Duty Officer Attire</b> - provide policies and a report that outlines the equipment that officers wear, as well as the risk assessment prior to execution of any warrant and how decisions are made regarding officer attire.	27-Mar-17	S. Smallwood	Chief of Police
I-20-02	<b>OPS investigation of OIPRD complaint</b> - Requested information on an article which appeared in Ottawa Life Magazine with respect to a public complaint lodged by Mr. Rodney Mockler with the OIPRD, concerning the conduct of an Ottawa Police officer. The article alleges the subsequent investigation by the Ottawa Police Service into the matter in question was found to be "not reasonable" and containing a number of deficiencies. The article states that OPS was asked by the OIPRD to conduct another review of the matter as a result which was then found to be reasonable. The OPS was requested to provide comment on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•What was not done in the initial review to make it not reasonable and deficient?</li> <li>•Why was the Board not informed?</li> <li>•What was subsequently completed in the second review?</li> <li>•What were the lessons learned?</li> </ul>	24-Feb-20	L.A. Smallwood	Chief of Police
I-20-03	<b>Tactical dynamic entry</b> - Requested follow-up information on a judge's ruling whereby an Ontario Superior Court judge said the Ottawa Police Tactical Unit's use of dynamic entry while executing a search warrant at a home in November of 2016 was described as serious misconduct and a casual disregard of search warrant laws. The OPS was asked to provide a response to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Is dynamic entry a common practice in executing search warrants by the OPS?</li> <li>•What is the decision-making process to determine whether a dynamic entry is required?</li> <li>•Will there be a change in procedures going forward based on the judge's comments?</li> </ul>	24-Feb-20	L.A. Smallwood	Chief of Police
I-20-04	<b>Facial recognition software</b> - There have been various media reports about the use of controversial facial recognition software and the concerns that arise from its use. The Chief was asked for assurance that due diligence would be undertaken prior to any full implementation of this program to ensure public confidence and observance of privacy laws to its full extent.	24-Feb-20	D. Nirman	Chief of Police