

**Report to / Rapport au:**

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

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**SUBJECT: "IGNITING THE SPIRIT" MINI GALA SERIES FUNDRAISING EVENT  
FOR THE WABANO CENTRE FOR ABORIGINAL HEALTH**

**OBJET: ÉVÉNEMENT-BÉNÉFICE DE LA SÉRIE DES MINIS GALAS « IGNITING  
THE SPIRIT » AU PROFIT DU CENTRE DE SANTÉ AUTOCHTONE  
WABANO**

**REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

**That the Ottawa Police Services Board approve funding for a table at the Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health "Igniting the Spirit" mini gala series being held in October at the Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health, at a cost of \$2,400 (before taxes).**

**RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT**

**Que la Commission de services policiers d'Ottawa approuve le financement d'une table au coût de 2 400 \$ (taxes non comprises) dans le cadre de l'événement « Igniting the Spirit », de la série de minis galas du Centre de santé autochtone Wabano, qui aura lieu en octobre au Centre de santé autochtone Wabano.**

**BACKGROUND**

The “Igniting the Spirit Gala, Enter the Cedar Circle” mini gala series is being held in October 2020 (actual dates are still to be determined based on Elder availability) at the Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health, Grand Gathering Space. This event is a sit down dinner highlighting Aboriginal culture and entertainment. Instead of one large gala (which has been the format in the past), a series of four mini galas will be held to align to safety standards. All proceeds from this event will go towards Wabano to continue its essential services in the Nation’s Capital, including providing critical care and support to the most vulnerable in the community through its medical clinic; counselling and mental health support; outreach to those living on the streets; care packages for single mothers; and prepared food for isolated seniors. The price of a table for eight people is \$2,400.

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.

Should the Board approve this request; members will be canvassed to determine who wishes to attend. The Board has supported this event for the past several years.

**CONSULTATION**

Not applicable.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Funds in the amount of \$6,000 have been included in the Board’s 2020 draft budget for attending community events. There are sufficient funds to cover this request.