



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

**REPORT
RAPPORT**

DATE	23 March 2015
TO/DEST.	Chair and Members of the Ottawa Police Services Board
FROM/EXP.	Executive Director, Ottawa Police Services Board
SUBJECT/OBJET	2015 SPECIAL OLYMPICS PROVINCIAL FLOOR HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS

RECOMMENDATION

That the Ottawa Police Services Board approve a contribution of \$500 to the Adopt an Athlete program in support of the 2015 Special Olympics Provincial Floor Hockey Championships being co-hosted by the Ottawa Police Service on May 7-9, 2015.

BACKGROUND

The Ottawa Police Service (OPS) is co-hosting the 2015 Special Olympics Provincial Floor Hockey Championships along with the Ottawa Sports & Entertainment Group at Carleton University on May 7-9. A letter from the Co-Chairs, OPS Chief Charles Bordeleau and Mr. Jeff Hunt, President, Ottawa Sports & Entertainment Group, is attached as Annex A and contains additional information.

The OPS has a long-standing partnership with Special Olympics and is pleased to be co-hosting an event of this magnitude and prestige for the athletes, particularly given that the event happens only every four years. The Championship is expected to bring 24 teams with approximately 400 athletes and coaches, as well as hundreds of family members and volunteers, to Ottawa.

As noted in the attached letter, there are many costs associated with a Provincial tournament for the athletes and their families, including transportation, meals and accommodations. The "Adopt an Athlete" program has been established to help offset the costs of participating for the athletes who have qualified for the competition. A contribution to the Adopt an Athlete program will not only sponsor an athlete but will be

an investment in a legacy of awareness and greater opportunities for people with an intellectual disability.

CONSULTATION

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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: \$10,000 for the Street Ambassador Program; and \$7,000 for the Police Association Scholarship Fund. The remaining \$13,000 is available to meet all other requests and there are sufficient funds to cover this request should the Board wish.

Responsible for report: W. Fedec, Executive Director

Attach. (1)