



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

**REPORT
RAPPORT**

DATE	28 September 2015
TO/DEST.	Chair and Members of the Ottawa Police Services Board
FROM/EXP.	Executive Director, Ottawa Police Services Board
SUBJECT/OBJET	OTTAWA POLICE GALA - FUNDRAISER IN SUPPORT OF THE OTTAWA FOOD BANK AND CARING IS SHARING EXCHANGE

RECOMMENDATION

That the Ottawa Police Services Board approve the purchase of a table at the Sixth Annual Ottawa Police Gala being held on November 7, 2015 at the Shaw Centre, at a cost of \$1,750.

BACKGROUND

The Sixth Annual Ottawa Police Gala is being held at the Shaw Centre on November 7, 2015. The evening will include dinner, dancing, a live band, a silent auction and a raffle. The cost of a table for 10 people is \$1,750.

The OPS Gala raises funds for local charities making an impact for those facing extraordinary challenges. Through the generous contributions of sponsors, donations, ticket sales and community members the following beneficiaries have received donations as a result of the OPS Gala:

- 2010 – Project S.T.E.P. - \$50,000
- 2011 – The Ottawa Mission - \$90,000
- 2012 – Ottawa Youth Services Bureau - \$127,000
- 2013 – Christie Lake Kids - \$105,000
- 2014 – Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa - \$100,000

This year funds are being raised for the Ottawa Food Bank and the Caring and Sharing Exchange. The Ottawa Food Bank collects and distributes food to member agencies serving people in need in the Ottawa area and: provides 43,000 people each month with critical food assistance (37% are children); supports 140 food programs throughout

the Ottawa Region; provides 14 tons of food each and every working day. The Caring and Sharing Exchange runs three programs that provide much-needed assistance to the community members in need of the following services: Christmas Exchange Program; the Sharing in Student Success Program; and the Co-ordination Service that strives to ensure that no one in need of assistance goes without by eliminating duplicate requests for assistance.

BOARD POLICY

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. The Ottawa Police Gala meets the policy criteria, and the Board has purchased a table at each of the past galas.

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 or earmarked - \$10,000 for the Street Ambassador Program and \$7,000 for the Police Association scholarship fund - leaving \$13,000 for all other requests. There are sufficient funds remaining in the budget to meet this request.

CONCLUSION

This is an important opportunity for the Board to support the efforts of the Police Service in helping those in need in our community, as well as the specific organizations chosen each year to receive the funds raised through the Gala. Should this request be approved, Board members will be canvassed as to their interest in attending.

(Original signed by)

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