

Ottawa Police Services Board

Motion

Deployment Model for Community Police

Moved by: Chair D. Deans

Seconded by: Member D. Nirman

Whereas the OPS and OPSB are dedicated to making meaningful change and ensuring the police service best reflects the needs of our City; and

Whereas the Ottawa Police Services Board (OPSB) and Ottawa Police Service (OPS) 2021 Draft Operating Budget includes funding for the hiring of an additional 30 officers; and

Whereas OPS has committed to expanding the Neighbourhood Resource Teams beyond the urban core to include both suburban and rural communities; and

Whereas OPS and the OPSB recognize that communities across Ottawa have needs based on their unique demographics and that deployment models should reflect these differences; and

Whereas the OPSB and OPS have committed to reviewing and updating policies and procedures related to how OPS responds to calls for service;

Therefore be it resolved that OPS review how they could use alternatives to sworn officers, including civilians who have suitable expertise, experience and certification in a variety of areas such as mental health practitioners, social workers, or youth outreach workers, to make up deployment teams based on community needs; and

Therefore be it further resolved that OPS work in consultation with key community partners to determine where and how these individuals could be deployed to best serve the community; and

Therefore it further resolved that the OPS works in consultation with the OPSB who has final approval on this plan to leverage civilian members to continue and grow the community policing.