

Ottawa Police Services Board

Motion

Restorative Mediation

Moved by: Member B. Johnson

Seconded by: Vice Chair S. Smallwood

Whereas the Ottawa Police Services Board (OPSB) heard from close to 100 delegates at their meeting of November 23rd; and

Whereas many of those who participated spoke to the broken relationship between the BIPOC community and the OPSB; and

Whereas the Board recognizes a need to strengthen their own relationship with the community, outside of that with the Ottawa Police Services; and

Whereas before taking on consultations with the community or approving policy on issues such as a new mental health response, the review of use of force policies, or the approval of an additional 30 service members, the Board must have a solid foundational relationship with these same communities; and

Whereas mediation is a practice that can help restore lines of communication and trust between two parties;

Therefore be it resolved that the Board seek to hire a third party to establish a mediation process with the Ottawa community, specifically those that identify as BIPOC.