

**Report to / Rapport au:**

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

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**SUBJECT: OTTAWA POLICE GALA - FUNDRAISER IN SUPPORT OF THE  
SNOWSUIT FUND AND OPERATION COME HOME**

**OBJET: GALA DU SERVICE DE POLICE D'OTTAWA - COLLECTE DE FONDS  
À L'APPUI DU FONDS HABINEIGE ET DE L'OPÉRATION RENTRER  
AU FOYER**

**REPORT RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Ottawa Police Services Board approve the purchase of a table at the tenth annual Ottawa Police Gala being held on November 9, 2019 at the Shaw Centre, at a cost of \$1,750.**

**RECOMMANDATION DU RAPPORT**

**Que la Commission de services policiers d'Ottawa approuve l'achat, pour la somme de 1 750 \$, d'une table au 10e Gala du Service de police d'Ottawa, qui aura lieu le 9 novembre 2019 au Centre Shaw.**

**BACKGROUND**

The tenth annual Ottawa Police Gala is being held at the Shaw Centre on November 9, 2019. 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 - \$115,000

2013 – Christie Lake Kids - \$105,000

2014 – Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa - \$100,000

2015 - Ottawa Food Bank and the Caring and Sharing Exchange - \$85,000.

2016 – The Distress Centre of Ottawa and the Youville Centre - \$100,000

2017 – Big Brothers, Big Sisters Ottawa and Ottawa Victim Services - \$90,000

2018 - Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group Foundation, Great Canadian Theatre Company and Beechwood Cemetery - \$98,895

This year funds are being raised for the Snowsuit Fund and Operation Come Home. As well, a donation will be made to the Beechwood Cemetery.

The Snowsuit Fund was selected for its work as a local, grass-roots organization. Annually, it provides winter coats and snowsuits to 16,000 children and youth.

For Operation Come Home, the funding will go towards helping youth navigate and engage with different employment programs so that they can not only find, but retain, employment.

## **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 IMPLICATIONS**

This event is one that the Board has historically supported. Sufficient discretionary funds remain in the Board's 2019 budget to cover this expense.

**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.