

**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 BIG  
BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF OTTAWA AND OTTAWA VICTIM  
SERVICES**

**OBJET: ACTIVITÉ DE FINANCEMENT DU GALA DU SERVICE DE POLICE  
D'OTTAWA AU PROFIT DU GRAND FRÈRES GRANDES SŒURS  
D'OTTAWA ET SERVICES AUX VICTIMES D'OTTAWA**

**REPORT RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Ottawa Police Services Board approve the purchase of a table at the Eighth Annual Ottawa Police Gala being held on October 28, 2017 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 8e Gala du Service de police d'Ottawa, qui aura lieu le 28 octobre au Centre Shaw.**

**BACKGROUND**

**The Eighth Annual Ottawa Police Gala is being held at the Shaw Centre on October 28, 2017. 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

This year funds are being raised for Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Ottawa and Ottawa Victim Services. Since 1970, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ottawa has been creating strong relationships between “Bigs” and “Littles” through their mentoring program, changing the course of young lives along with changing the course of a community’s future. The importance of giving and giving back, education, respect for family, peer and the community are all taught through these life-changing friendships. As a national organization, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada is the country’s leading child and youth monitoring charity, with over 42,000 children and youth mentored in country in 2016. Ottawa Victim Services (OVS) provides emotional support, practical assistance, referrals and advocacy to individuals who have been victimized as a result of a crime or tragic circumstances. OVS is a community based agency committed to treating individuals with courtesy, compassion and with respect for their dignity, privacy and diversity.

## **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**

Discretionary funds in the amount of \$30,000 have been included in the Board's 2017 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. This event is one that the Board has historically supported and funds have been included in the budget for it.

**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.