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## Ottawa Police Chorus Annual Report 2015

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The Ottawa Police Chorus consists of forty-six dedicated singers, auditioned for their vocal clarity, music reading ability and four-part harmony competence. Most importantly, they represent a community of volunteers who are proud to wear the uniform, to support and complement the OPS.

The Chorus continues to enjoy the direction of the Music Director, Geoffrey Linklater and Accompanist, Carol Gurofsky. Both of these capable and talented musicians have served in their roles for well beyond ten years.

The past year's efforts have continued to focus on broadening the exposure of the Chorus in the community and in so doing, enhance the image of the OPS. To this end, we were pleased to participate in the following new-to-us events:

- The Mayor's Breakfast for Seniors
- The Annual Memorial for Former Parliamentarians held in the Senate
- The Candlelight Tribute to Veterans at the War Museum
- Provincial Floor Hockey Championships
- Police Week Launch

### Additionally,

- We were the guests at three fundraising events in 2015 and
- We hosted our own concert in September, The Beat and the Drums with guests from the York Police Chorus, the Waterloo Police Chorus and the Boabab Dance Community.
- In total, **we participated in twenty-two events this year.** Any honorariums we are given throughout the year were directed to the donation to the Memorial Fund as managed by the Canadian Police and Peace Officers Board of Directors.
- **This year, on behalf of Chief Bordeleau, we presented a cheque in the amount of \$2000 to The Canadian Police and Peace Officers Memorial Committee.**

We are never so proud and privileged as when we participate in the National Police and Peace Officers Memorial in September as well as the Memorial in Toronto each May. There is always a strong participation by the members.

The OPC continue to serve as the organizers for the chorus contribution at the National Memorial. In 2015, there were 175 singers at the event from the Toronto area, Ottawa and Le Symphonie de Montreal.

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**Fundraising:**

Our fundraising activities continue. Mainly these are in the area of recycling but also include chocolate bar sales, 50/50 draws, a yard sale etc. These funds help us to subsidize some parking costs, party costs and props for music pieces. This year, we purchased the services of a professional photographer and have some excellent group pictures for promotion and for updating our web page. We hope to enjoy a short road trip this year to the Kingston area and the fundraised money will support this venture.

As well, this year we were fortunate that our budget supported the purchase of twelve winter coats for our new members.

**Our Value:**

The Chorus represents a large group of volunteers, focused and serving as a visible support of the OPS. Regular, weekly rehearsals, twenty-two events, management meetings, Memorial meetings, music management, recruitment management, - all of these represent well over 4500 hours of effort, generously (and proudly) given.

**Goals:**

Our Goals include:

- Principally, we will plan toward the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Chorus in 2017.
- Organize events to correspond to our hosting of the Dallas Police Chorus as our guests in 2017.
- Continued and expanded efforts toward the use of social media in reaching out to the community.
- Production of a CD by the spring of 2016.
- Ongoing effort to seek out new opportunities to broaden our audience base within the community.

**Acknowledgements:**

- We are grateful for the supervision of **Inspector Mike Maloney**. He provides counsel and direction generously, demonstrating a genuine interest in the success of the Chorus.
- The Chorus acknowledges the strong support of **Chief Bordeleau** and **Councillor El-Chantiry**. We are most sincerely grateful and honored to be aligned with the Police Service in the Ottawa Community.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Duggan, President, Ottawa Police Chorus