

Chair D. Deans' Verbal Report, OPSB Meeting July 26, 2021

CAO Recruitment

As you know, we have been actively undertaking the recruitment of a new CAO. I am pleased to advise that we have completed the interviews for the position and are in the final stages of appointing a candidate.

It is our intentions to make an announcement regarding the successful candidate in the near future.

Renewal of DC Bell's contract

I am also happy to announce that the Ottawa Police Services Board has renewed Deputy Chief Steve Bell's contract for an additional five years, expiring December 23, 2026.

The Board is very pleased with the leadership role DC Bell continues to play at the Ottawa Police Service (OPS). He brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the position, and continues to lead important work at the Police Service including championing work on equity, diversity, and inclusion, the mental health strategy, and the neighbourhood resource teams.

He also continues to manage the Service's response to the pandemic as well as the contributions to the City's Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan.

Order of Merit

And finally, please join me in congratulating three of our members who have received the Governor General's Order of Merit.

Congratulations to Ceremonial Sergeant Major Steve Boucher, Staff Sergeant Roy and Inspector Debbie Miller.

This prestigious award recognizes exceptional individuals, across Canada, who exemplify excellence in policing.

These awards are reason for us all to be proud as a Service, with exceptional members going above and beyond in their duty of care, not only here in Ottawa, but around the world. Their accomplishments are a reflection of our collective values and integrity and represent the best of the OPS.

Do any Board members have any questions?