## Ottawa Police Services Board Agenda 46- Monday November 22, 2021 COMMUNICATION: *Email dated November 22, 2021 from Pierre Jireada*

From: Jireada, Pierre

**Sent:** November 22, 2021 11:57 AM **Subject:** Ottawa Police Budget

Please accept this email as my call towards full support of the Ottawa Police budget and to the amazing work the men and women of OPS do everyday to help keep our communities safe and secure. Would appreciate having this read into the minutes of your upcoming meeting. I can't begin to imagine or comprehend the backwards thinking of defunding the police and find this stance as completely absurd. I for one can attest to the professionalism of our men and women in uniform who risk everything to serve and protect our communities and I am truly grateful for their service. Under the solid leadership of Police Chief Peter Sloly and Service Sargent Major Pete Danyluk, I have all the confidence in the world that every single dollar of the police budget will be well spent. Policing is not easy and is is one of those professions that calls on the most dedicated and caring people from our communities and to serve in law enforcement is a sacred privileged that should never be taken lightly. I have the utmost respect for our men and women in law enforcement and they need to know they have the communities' full support in carrying out their duties. If anything, this police budget needs to pass not only to support the critical roles OPS plays in our community, but as a symbol of approval for just how important the OPS is to this great city. I urge the board to please pass this budget so that the OPS can continue it's great role in our society. Thank you.

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