

Chair D. Deans' Verbal Report, OPSB Meeting December 20, 2021

- Good afternoon everyone and thank you for joining in today's meeting.
- As 2021 comes to a close, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the past year and offer some insights into what lies ahead for the Board in the new year.
- 2021 has been a busy year for this Board, and over the past several months, the 2022 OPS budget has been a central focus.
- I would like to take this time to thank all members of this Board for the tremendous amount of time and effort they put into reviewing and analyzing the 2022 OPS budget.
- I would also like to thank the Service for working closely with the Board throughout the entire process.
- And finally, I would like to thank members of the community for sharing your experiences, research and perspectives with the Board.
- The broader vision of community safety and wellbeing and contemplating how policing fits within this vision was a consistent theme that emerged throughout the ongoing discussions about the police budget this year.
- We will be continuing this discussion around how to best deliver community safety and wellness supports moving forward. We know that there will be a lot of work ahead, and there is a critical need for collaboration and coordination between all relevant stakeholders and the community to bring the vision to fruition.
- Now looking ahead to next year, the Board's workplan will be brought forward in January. The workplan will outline what we hope to accomplish in 2022.
- Developing a new Strategic Plan will be a key focus for the Board early in 2022.
- This Strategic Plan will be situated within the broader context of community safety and wellbeing and will articulate a vision for the future centered around strategic priorities over the next three years. It will outline clear and quantifiable objectives, an implementation plan and proposed timelines.
- We heard from the Chief throughout the 2022 budget process about the importance of establishing the Board's Strategic Plan early in the new year in

order to provide him with both direction and time to operationalize the Board's priorities in 2022.

- The Board has also heard from a diverse range of community members over the past year and will leverage much of this information to make sure the priorities established in the Strategic Plan are reflective of the communities that OPS serves, as well as the Board's responsibility to ensure adequate and effective policing in Ottawa.
- Before concluding my verbal report this month, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the men and women of the Police Service. I know that they have very difficult jobs to do and need the trust and confidence of the public. I appreciate both our sworn and civilian members and all they do in and for our communities.
- I would like to wish all members of the Board and the Service a peaceful and relaxing holiday season. I hope you are able to take some time to disconnect and recharge before what is sure to be a busy 2022.
- Thank you.