

Motion on Background Checks

Moved by Chair D. Deans

Seconded by C. Meehan

WHEREAS Volunteers play an important and vital role in the delivery of community services throughout the city of Ottawa;

WHEREAS We have heard concerns of the cost of background checks from community agencies who describe it as a barrier to new volunteers;

WHEREAS The current pandemic has created financial strains in the community:

BE IT RESOLVED that Ottawa Police Service waive the current fees for all volunteer background check applications for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That these fees be re-instated once the city of Ottawa enters into Phase 3 of Ontario's action plan to re-opening