



INTERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

To: Chair and Members
From: Deb Reid
Dept: Niagara Police Services Board
Dept: Executive Director
Niagara Police Services Board

Date: March 16, 2023

Re: Donation from Special Fund – Ontario Association of Police Services Boards

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to request the Board consider a donation in the amount of \$5,000 from the Special Fund to support the opening reception at the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB) 2023 Annual General Meeting and Spring Conference.

Background and Discussion:

The Ontario Association of Police Services Boards will be hosting its 2023 Annual General Meeting and Spring Conference in Niagara Falls. The Conference will be held at the Marriott on the Falls from May 30 – June 1, 2023 and the theme of the conference is **‘Collaborating for Community Safety’**. They plan to bring together many of the provincial and municipal decision makers and expect upwards of 300 delegates to attend, which includes police service board members, police and law enforcement officials, and other persons involved in policing and public safety.

Since this annual conference is being held in Niagara Falls, the OAPSB contacted the Niagara Police Services Board on March 15, 2023 to consider sponsorship towards the opening reception being held on Tuesday, May 30, 2023. The opening reception will take place from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm at the Marriott on the Falls with featured 'Taste of Niagara' food stations and entertainment. Delegates will then attend the Niagara Parks Power Station for 'Currents', an epic sight and sound night show inside the heart of the Power Station.

About the OAPSB:

The OAPSB is a non-profit association representing a total of 122 police services boards across the province. Specifically, the OAPSB represents 43 municipal police services boards (Section 31), 76 OPP Contract Boards (Section 10) and three Six Nations boards across Ontario that together represent approximately 75% of all police boards in Ontario and would employ in excess of 27,200 police personnel.

The OAPSB provides timely communication of important information, representation, education, co-ordination, networking and expertise tailored to enhance the capacity of individual boards and board members. As the voice of police services boards to government, the OAPSB provides advocacy of police services boards' issues and concerns. The OAPSB's ongoing mission is to equip every police board with the knowledge to govern effectively, which is achieved through advocacy, expertise, and education.

The organization provides a wide variety of services designed to assist police services boards in discharging their duties of governance and oversight. It exists solely on annual membership dues and funds raised from the annual conference. In past years, the success of these conferences was mainly due to the co-operation and support of police services boards from across Ontario.

The Niagara Board has been a member and strong advocate of the OAPSB since Regionalization in 1970. Former Board Chairs and Board Members have served as representatives on the OAPSB Board of Directors. The Niagara Police Services Board continues to support the provincial association through regular attendance at quarterly Zone meetings, the annual conferences, seminars and workshops, and other governance-related activities.

The OAPSB conference is one of only two annual opportunities for professional development for Board members. The other is the national organization, Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG), which serves as the voice of civilian oversight of municipal police boards and commissions across Canada. The Board has supported the OAPSB conference for 20 years in the amount of \$1,000 for each year from 2003 - 2023, and in 2011 as the conference host Board in the amount of \$10,000. Therefore, it is recommended that the Board approve a \$5,000 donation to support the opening reception at the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB) 2023 Annual General Meeting and Spring Conference.

Policy Considerations:

The Board has a discretionary pool of funds, which it uses for grants and donations. Disbursements from the fund are in accordance with guidelines provided in the Police Services Act, and with Board By-Law 376-2018, Special Fund Administration, Limitations and Guidelines. Section 132(2) of the Police Services Act establishes that the Niagara Police Services Board has the sole authority for spending the proceeds from the sale of property, which lawfully comes into the possession of the police service. The Act stipulates that *"the Chief of Police may cause the property to be sold, and the Board may use the proceeds for any purpose that it considers in the public interest."* **These funds do not form part of the police operating budget and are separate from the Regional tax base.**

In accordance with the policy, the Board must consider the effect such a disbursement would have on the unrestricted fund balance. As reported at the February 23, 2023 meeting, the Special Operating Account balance is \$90,000. Therefore, it is recommended that the Board approve a donation in the amount of \$5,000 from the Special Fund to support the opening reception at the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB) 2023 Annual General Meeting and Spring Conference.

Conclusion:

The Board is being asked to make a donation in the amount of \$5,000 in support of this conference. The donation will assist the OAPSB in covering the costs of the opening reception. The OAPSB annual conference is considered essential attendance for police board members for both educational and networking opportunities and for bringing a strong grassroots and civilian perspective to critical policing issues. An advance copy of the draft preliminary program is attached for your reference.

Recommendation:

That the Board authorize a donation in the amount of \$5,000 from the Special Fund to the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB) in support of the opening reception at its 2023 Annual General Meeting and Spring Conference.



Deb Reid
Executive Director

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ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF POLICE SERVICES BOARDS

**2023 IN-PERSON SPRING CONFERENCE and
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Marriott on the Falls
6755 Fallsview Boulevard Niagara Falls, ON L2G 3W7**

MAY 30 - JUNE 1, 2023

Collaborating for Community Safety

OAPSB Conference Program

Preliminary - Draft Copy

Pre Conference Activities

<p>Completed Virtually the week before</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Section 10 Elections <i>Board Representative Ontario Association Police Services Boards</i> <i>Holly Doty, Staff Ontario Association Police Services Boards</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Zones 1 (OPP Contract North)</i> <i>Zone 1A (OPP Contract North)</i> <i>Zones 2 and 3 (OPP Contract S-E)</i> <i>Zones 4, 5 and 6 (OPP Contract S-W)</i></p>
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Tuesday May 30, 2023

12:00 PM Peninsula Room	Meet & Greet – OAPSB Board of Directors Incoming / Outgoing Board Luncheon <i>By Invitation</i>
2:00 PM Oakes Ballroom	OAPSB Annual General Meeting Restricted to member boards & their staff
4:00 PM Peninsula Room	OAPSB Board of Directors’ Meeting Election of Officers
5:30 PM Great Room (Lobby Bar)	Member & Sponsor Reception Welcome OAPSB Executive Director Meet & Greet

Wednesday May 31, 2023

7:30 am - 8:45 am Marriott Cafe	Breakfast
8:45 am - 9:00 am Oakes Ballroom	Opening Remarks & Greetings <i>Patrick Weaver, Chair Ontario Association Police Services Boards</i> <i>Lisa Darling, Executive Director, Ontario Association Police Services Boards</i>
9:00 am – 10:15 am Oakes Ballroom	Collaborating for Better Results - OAPSB & OACP <i>Jeff McGuire, Executive Director, OACP</i> <i>Joe Couto, Communications Director, OACP</i> <i>Lisa Darling, Executive Director, OAPSB</i>
10:15 am - 10:30 am Oakes Ballroom	Presenting Sponsor Presentation
10:30 am – 11:00 am Oakes Foyer	Bio Break
11:00 am – 11:30 am Oakes Ballroom	Inspector General
11:30 pm – 12:00 pm Oakes Ballroom	Ontario Police Arbitration Commission <i>Sig Walters, Chair, Ontario Police Arbitration Commission</i>
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Milestones	Lunch Break
12:00 pm <i>Paid Companions</i>	Companion Tour (pre-registration required) Lunch: 12:00pm - 12:30pm Wine Tours: 12:30 pm - 5:00 pm
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm Oakes Ballroom	OAPSB Updates <i>Lisa Darling, Executive Director, OAPSB</i>
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Oakes Ballroom	Training Update <i>Pam Dhaliwal, Curriculum Developer / Training Officer OAPSB</i> <i>Jeanine Lassaline-Berglund, Engagement Training Officer OAPSB</i>
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm Oakes Foyer	Break

3:00 pm - 3:45 pm Breakout Rooms	For OPP Boards Detachment Board Structure	For Municipal / First Nation Boards Strategy Corp <i>Brian Teefy, Director, Strategy Corp</i>
4:00 pm - 4:45 pm Breakout Rooms	For OPP Boards Detachment Board Structure <i>Lisa Darling, Executive Director, OAPSB</i> <i>Pam Dhaliwal, Curriculum Developer /</i> <i>Training Officer OAPSB</i> <i>Jeanine Lassaline-Berglund, Engagement</i> <i>Training Officer OAPSB</i>	For Municipal / First Nation Boards OMERS
4:45 pm - 6:00 pm	Free Time	
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Oakes Foyer	Spring Conference Reception	
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm Oakes Ballroom	Spring Conference Dinner & Entertainment <i>Please contact oapsb@oapsb.ca to purchase dinner only tickets</i>	

Thursday June 1, 2023

8:00 am - 8:45 am Marriot Cafe	Breakfast	
8:55 am – 9:00 am Oakes Ballroom	Opening Ceremony & Greetings <i>Patrick Weaver, Chair Ontario Association Police Services Boards</i> <i>Lisa Darling, Executive Director, Ontario Association Police Services Boards</i>	
9:00 am - 10:00 am Oakes Ballroom	KEYNOTE: Michael Bach Founder of the Canadian Centre for Diversity and Inclusion (CCDI), CCDI Consulting and Pride at Work Canada	
10:00 am – 10:30 am Oakes Foyer	Bio Break	
10:30 am - 11:00 am Oakes Ballroom	Bail Reform <i>Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario</i>	
11:00 am - 12:00 pm Oakes Ballroom	Auto Theft <i>Jim Walker, Director, Criminal Intelligence Service Ontario</i> <i>Chief Steve Tanner, Halton Regional Police</i>	

12:00 pm - 12:15pm Oakes Ballroom	Presenting Sponsor Presentation	
12:15 pm – 1:00 pm Oakes Foyer	Lunch	
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Breakout Rooms	For OPP Boards Workshop – media and communications importance of pre-planning	For Municipal / First Nation Boards Board Evaluation – monitoring performance <i>Lisa Darling, Executive Director, OAPSB</i> <i>Pam Dhaliwal, Curriculum Developer / Training Officer OAPSB</i>
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Breakout Rooms	For OPP Boards Board Evaluation – monitoring performance <i>Lisa Darling, Executive Director, OAPSB</i> <i>Pam Dhaliwal, Curriculum Developer / Training Officer OAPSB</i>	For Municipal / First Nation Boards Workshop – media and communications importance of pre-planning
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Break	
3:15 pm – 4:00 pm Oakes Ballroom	How to depoliticize police governance	
4:00 pm Oakes Ballroom	Closing Remarks <i>Patrick Weaver, Chair, Ontario Association Police Services Boards</i>	