



INTERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

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

Date: January 31, 2025

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

Purpose:

To provide the Board with a copy of communication received from Patrick Weaver, Chair, Ontario Association of Police Service Boards (OAPSB), requesting a donation to support the OAPSB 2025 Spring Conference and Annual General Meeting.

Background and Discussion:

The Board received an email on January 17, 2025 from Patrick Weaver, Chair, OAPSB, requesting Board sponsorship of the 2025 Spring Conference and Annual General Meeting of the OAPSB being held at the Best Western Plus Lamplighter Inn & Conference Centre in London, Ontario, from June 3 - 5, 2025 (see attached).

The OAPSB is a non-profit provincial organization representing municipal police service boards, and the so-called 'OPP Boards'. The OAPSB, and its predecessor, the Municipal Police Authorities (MPA), have been in existence for over 59 years assisting police service boards in discharging their duties of governance and oversight. It provides a wide variety of services designed to assist police service boards in discharging their duties, including the annual meeting and conference, which is designed to inform and enlighten those in government responsible for policing in Ontario so that they may better understand the governance perspective.

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 Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA), and with Board By-law 403-2024, Special Fund Administration, Limitations and Guidelines. Section 258 (2) of the CSPA establishes that the 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, including charitable donations." The funds do not form part of the police operating budget and are separate from the Regional tax base.

This request meets the Board's Special Fund criteria and the Board has supported this conference over 21 years in the amount of \$1,000 for each year from 2003 - 2024, and \$10,000 in 2011 as the conference host, and \$5,000 in 2023 for the opening reception in Niagara Falls. Therefore, it is recommended that the Board approve a donation in the amount of \$1,000 (silver level) for the OAPSB in support of the 2025 Annual General Meeting and Spring Conference.

Recommendation:

That the Board authorize a donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Special Fund to the Ontario Association of Police Service Boards (OAPSB) in support of its 2025 Annual General Meeting and Spring Conference.



Deb Reid
Executive Director

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OAPSB Members - Seeking Your Support!

The Ontario Association of Police Service Boards' 2025 Spring Conference and AGM is being held in person at the Best Western Plus Lamplighter Inn & Conference Centre in London on June 3-5, 2025.

Each year we rely on participation and sponsorship. We ask that your board or zone to consider sponsoring the conference.

Added benefits: Funding received for OAPSB events is used to:

- Minimize costs to members to attend the seminar
- Offset the expenses related to delivering the virtual event and training
- Purchase of virtual technology
- Support the marketing and outreach required to inform and communicate with members
- Provide your organization recognition on our website, eblasts and at the virtual event.
- Deliver upgrades to our education & training to membership

Please contact Holly Doty at oapsb@oapsb.ca or 1-800-831-7727 to take advantage of one or more of these unique sponsorship opportunities listed below.

Respectfully,

Patrick Weaver
OAPSB Chair



2025 Spring Conference & Annual General Meeting Member Sponsorship Opportunities

Platinum - \$5,000 +

- Premium Exposure on as Platinum Sponsor
- Recognition on the OAPSB website
- Logo recognition on digital presentations at conference
- Logo recognition on one feature event (i.e. Welcome / reception)

Gold - \$3,000 +

- Recognition as Gold Sponsor
- Recognition on the OAPSB website
- Logo recognition on digital presentations at conference
- Logo recognition on one feature event (i.e., virtual breaks)

Silver - \$1,000 +

- Recognition as Silver Sponsor
- Recognition on the OAPSB website

Bronze – Up to \$999

- Recognition as Bronze Sponsor
- Recognition on the OAPSB website