



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **NEW APPOINTMENT TO OTTAWA POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

The Ottawa Police Services Board is pleased to announce a new community representative on the Board. The Province of Ontario recently appointed **Jim Durrell** for a three-year term, effective 12 July 2011.

Jim Durrell is best known for the significant contribution he made as Ottawa's Mayor from 1985 until retiring from public life in 1991. He has extensive governance experience, having served on the Board of Directors of the Business Development Bank of Canada and as Chair of the Ottawa International Airport's Board of Directors. In October 2006 Jim was appointed Chairman of the Ottawa Convention Centre, a position he retains today. Mr. Durrell also has a 30-year history of community service and continues to volunteer with numerous charities and organizations such as the Ottawa Hospital, the United Way/Centraide Ottawa Campaign Cabinet, the Salvation Army and the Kiwanis Club. Since leaving office, he has been active in the private sector as a successful business executive and is currently President and owner of Capital Dodge Chrysler Jeep. Said Mr. Durrell, "I am very pleased to be joining the Police Services Board and look forward to working with the other members of the Board and Chief White on the numerous challenges facing the police service and our community today."

"Mr. Durrell's well-established relationships with key community partners as well as his governance experience and business acumen will be tremendous assets to the Police Services Board. We are very pleased to welcome him to the Board", said Board Chair Eli El-Chantiry.

This appointment replaces community member Henry Jensen, who served a total of six and a half years on the Board. Chair El-Chantiry expressed the opinion of the whole Board in extending thanks to Mr. Jensen, saying, "The Board is extremely grateful for the very significant contributions Henry made during his time on the Board; he will be missed by his colleagues here in Ottawa as well as across the Province due to his tireless work as Vice President of the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards."

Mr. Durrell will be publicly sworn in as a member of the Board on Monday, 24 October 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in the Champlain Room, Ottawa City Hall, as he is unable to attend the next Police Services Board meeting in September.

The Ottawa Police Services Board is the civilian body responsible for governing the Ottawa Police Service. It is responsible for the provision of adequate and effective police services to the City of Ottawa's residents.

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