

Report to / Rapport au:

**OTTAWA POLICE SERVICES BOARD
LA COMMISSION DE SERVICES POLICIERS D'OTTAWA**

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SUBJECT: PUBLIC REWARDS: 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

OBJET: RÉCOMPENSES PUBLIQUES : RAPPORT ANNUEL DE 2020

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Ottawa Police Services Board receive this report for information.

RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT

**Que la Commission de services policiers d'Ottawa prenne connaissance du
présent rapport à titre d'information.**

BACKGROUND

In 2011, the Ottawa Police Service (OPS) assumed responsibility from the Ottawa Police Services Board (Board) relating to rewards issued to the public for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of persons responsible for identified unsolved homicides and other major investigations.

A policy was put in place which outlined the guidelines associated with reward monies and the terms and conditions for payment.

DISCUSSION

On June 24, 2020, the OPS posted one reward in the amount of \$75,000.00 to the public for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of the unsolved homicide of Mr. Ashton Dickson.

The OPS has worked closely with the family of Mr. Dickson in raising public awareness of this reward. This has included the development of ongoing media coverage, social media notifications, and ongoing supports to solicit leads in this case.

EXISTING POLICY

As per the Board's Public Rewards Policy CR-10, the Chief of Police shall report to the Board annually on compliance with the provisions of the policy and on any rewards offered during the reporting period.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

To-date, no monies have been paid out under this Policy and as such there is no financial implication.

CONCLUSION

This report is intended to provide the Board with a summary of any reward monies paid to persons who assisted the OPS in the arrest and prosecution of persons responsible for major investigations.

The OPS will continue to consider this investigative avenue in the investigation of unsolved homicides and other major incidents.