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Chief Bryan Larkin becomes the new CACP President

OTTAWA, ONTARIO – The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP) has elected Chief Bryan Larkin of the Waterloo Regional Police Service to serve as the new President of the association for a two-year term. Chief Larkin was unanimously supported by the membership of the CACP during its Annual General Meeting on August 24th, 2020.



Bryan M. Larkin was appointed as the 7th Chief of Police of the Waterloo Regional Police Service on August 31, 2014 by the Waterloo Regional Police Services Board.

Bryan began his policing career in 1991 as a member of the Waterloo Regional Police Service, working as a front-line Constable assigned to Division #1 in Kitchener. Over the course of his career, Bryan has held a number of progressively responsible positions including; Community and Media Relations, Special Assignments, Traffic Services, Human Resources, Recruiting, Media Officer, Executive Officer to the Chief of Police, and Superintendent of Central Division.

Chief Larkin has been an active member of the Canadian and Ontario Associations of Chiefs of Police (CACP & OACP) for a number of years. He has served as President of the OACP and represents them on the Ontario Police Memorial Foundation and is the Co-Chair of the Provincial Police Joint Health and Safety Committee. Bryan also serves as the co-chair on the CACP Drug Advisory Committee and Special Purpose Committee on the decriminalization of illicit drugs. Bryan is a member of the Board for Nutrition for Learning and is a member of the United Way Campaign Cabinet for Waterloo Region Communities.

Bryan is a strong believer of community volunteerism and is proud to support many causes including the United Way and Ontario Special Olympics. In 2013, Bryan was recognized for his longstanding commitment to community volunteerism and for his leadership within the OACP and awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. In September 2016, Bryan was invested as a Member of the Order of Merit of the Police Forces by his Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston and, in July 2020, was advanced to Officer within the Order.

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This marks the end of Chief Constable Adam Palmer's presidency. Incoming president, Chief Larkin, offered the following statement about his predecessor: "On behalf of the membership, I would like to thank Chief Palmer for his outstanding leadership and dedication as President. During his term, he constantly reminded us of the importance of providing front-line officers with the support and leadership they need to keep the public and each other safe. He led the organization through tumultuous times marked by the opioid crisis, the conclusion of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, a marked increase in gun violence, and the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. He is a mentor for us all and the new *CACP Police Mentorship Program* is one of his greatest legacies, emphasizing his belief that there are excellent police leaders in Canada with decades of experience and a community of emerging leaders with immense potential."

Chief Larkin offered the following thoughts on his upcoming mandate as President of the CACP: "I am honoured to have the opportunity to lead this long-standing and respected organization with a proud heritage dating back to 1905. I assume this role at a time when the public and the communities we serve are calling for police reform. I welcome the opportunity to work with our committees, members, partners and other stakeholders to map out a path for change that creates an appropriate balance between the needs and concerns of the communities we serve and those of the members of our police agencies who deliver that service. I am committed to help move the association's national strategic priorities forward and to encourage the implementation of tangible actions that lead to meaningful change."

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