

Conference Findings

Board Member: Mel Athulathmudali

Event (and dates attended): OAPSB Spring Conference and AGM

Location: Virtual

Total Cost: \$395.50

Describe in one or two paragraphs (or in point form) one or more findings from your attendance at this event that should be shared with the Board. Consider how it may improve the job performance of others, or result in improved public/service delivery and customer service, or contribute to improved budgetary performance by the Board. Include networking opportunities or learning experiences that resulted by your attendance.

The conference itself was very informative. As a new board member, I found the board training to be especially useful. The section on Strategic Planning was very helpful to me, and I am sure it would be of use to anyone else on the board. The session on the upcoming changes from the Police Services Act to the CSPA was also very helpful, and presented a lot of information to absorb. The changes to the Board Member Code of Conduct would be relevant to all members of the board. Dr. Hanley-Dafoe's presentation was also very enlightening. She spoke of resiliency, wellness and navigating change, and how the work we do comes at an emotional cost. Her talk was delivered with compassion, empathy and sincerity. Her 5 traits of resilience should be taught to all people in high stress environments. _____

Will this information help the Board achieve their goals, and if so, which goals in particular?

the information will help us in all aspects of what we do. The Strategic Planning princess applies to a number of things we are doing right now, from hiring nw staff, to changing the perception the public has of us, to financial planning. I feel that the only thing that detracted from this was the virtual nature of the sessions. Had they been live, I feel that they would've been more engaging and interactive. This, however is not a reflection of the organizers. It is a covid reality. _____

Please rate the Conference (1 is very poor, 10 is excellent)

Value for money spent	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Conference content	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Recommended future attendance by self or others	YES	NO
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