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Hello everyone,

If winter has taught us anything this week, it's that planning ahead matters, especially when conditions change quickly. Governance is no different.

Before we all mentally clock out and look toward the weekend, we wanted to share a few timely updates for OAPSB members.

New resources now available in Members Portal Resources

Two new practical tools have just been posted to the Members Portal, designed to support boards through transition periods that often feel harder than they need to be:

- **Board Orientation Checklist**

A clear, step-by-step tool to support onboarding of new members and reinforce consistency, continuity, and role clarity.

- **Election Year Transition Guide**

A focused resource to help boards prepare for and navigate election-year change, including member turnover, continuity planning, and early governance priorities.

Both are intended to reduce uncertainty and help boards stay grounded in their governance role, even when the environment shifts. Both have been marked by a "New" notice after the title to make it easier to find and they are both in the area " Reports & Information for All Boards"

Zone 2 election results

Thank you to all members in Zone 2 who participated in the recent election for a seat on the OAPSB Board of Directors.

We are pleased to announce that Michael (Mike) Tarnowski, Russell County OPP Detachment Board has been elected as the Zone 2 representative.

Here is a little bit about Michael:

Mike Tarnowski is the Mayor of Russell Township and a Councillor for the United Counties of Prescott and Russell. He brings over 25 years of leadership experience across the public, private, and education sectors, with a strong focus on strategic planning, fiscal accountability, and community well-being.



Michael holds an MBA from the University of Guelph's School of Management and Economics and previously served as a professor and Academic Chair at Algonquin College's School of Business & Hospitality. He currently serves on several regional boards, including the Eastern Ontario Health Unit, South Nation Conservation Authority, the Russell Police Services Board (as Chair), and the Prescott-Russell Residence.

Fluent in English, French, and Polish, Mike is known for his collaborative leadership style and commitment to transparent, balanced, and future-focused decision-making.

We appreciate the engagement shown throughout this process and the willingness of members to step forward to serve at the provincial level.

As always, if you have questions about these resources or would like support applying them locally, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Governance work doesn't stop when the weather turns, but it does help to know someone's on the trail with you. This season, we're aiming to be the St. Bernard of police governance, steady, practical, and ready when boards hit deep snow or uncertain ground.

Wishing you a safe, warm, and well-earned weekend.

Next quick steps for you

- Drop in the candidate bio.
- Confirm where the two resources live in the portal (no links needed if that's your usual practice).
- Send before lunch to catch the "Friday focus window."

If you want, paste the candidate bio here and I'll tighten it so it reads polished, balanced, and board-appropriate without sounding like a campaign flyer.

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