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Re: Letter of Support for London Police Services Board

To Whom It May Concern,

I am submitting this letter of support for **Winston Williams** who is well respected within the settlement of Oneida Nation of the Thames.

Mr. Williams provided policing services to the community for approximately six (6) years. He was an active member of the community and was a mentor to our youth by coaching hockey. He was also closely connected to our neighbouring community, Chippewa of the Thames.

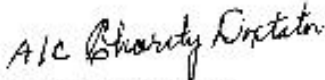
Mr. Williams was instrumental in securing First Nations police in Ontario by advocating for the rights and safety of First Nations on-reserve. He spent more than half of his 40-year career in First Nations communities and the remainder with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).

I would strongly recommend Mr. Williams for the London Police Services Board. He would be an asset to your Board as he knows the challenges First Nations communities face and he can provide proposed solutions based on lived experiences through community policing.

With a higher than acceptable rate of incarceration of Indigenous peoples, it is critical to have Indigenous voices on the London Police Services Board and Mr. Williams would be an ideal candidate to ensure our voices are heard.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any additional information.

Yaw'ko,



Chief Todd Cornelius

Elected Chief, Oneida Nation of the Thames

“People of the Standing Stone”