MBG Breakfast Event 2026-11-20 PROGRAM - Preventing GBV in Ottawa and Beyond

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1. **Introduction – Men's Breakfast Group (MBG) Compassion-to-Action (CtA) Initiative – what it's about, our aim – 5 minutes**
2. **Brief Presentation by Mélanie Bania, Executive Director, Canadian Centre For Safer Communities (CCFSC) – 10 minutes**
3. **3 - 5 distinguished, prominent and influential panelists (to be confirmed and announced) – 5 minutes each to provide a brief statement – covering their current role; interests and involvement in this matter**
4. **Panel Discussion moderated by Irvin Waller on the PREVENTION of GBV and the most effective actions and measures (metrics) that must be taken, and actions that we men can take – 30 minutes MAX.**
5. **Q&A period – fielded by Larry Jones – 20 minutes MAX.**

Overall Event Timeline:

0800-830AM – coffee, raisin toast snack as desired, meet and greet, chat and introductions for new attendees

0820-0900AM – breakfast

0900-1030 – The Program above

1030-1100 – takedown and cleanup; follow-on one-on-one chats as desired

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Distinguished Panelists

Theresa Kavanaugh – City Councillor for Bay Ward 7

Chandra Pasma – MPP for Ottawa West Nepean

Salim Fakirani, Chair, Ottawa Police Service Board

Mélanie Bania, Executive Director, Canadian Centre For Safer Communities (CCFSC)

Irvin Waller, Professor, Criminology, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ottawa; Author; Panel Moderator