



The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

Chief Administrative Officer

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Margaret Misek-Evans, Chief Administrative Officer

Date to Council: September 24, 2019

Report Number: CAO-2019-06

Subject: 2019 OAPSB Spring Conference and AGM

Recommendations

It is recommended:

That CAO-2019-06 Report, 2019 OAPSB Spring Conference and AGM, be received.

Background

Members of the Tecumseh Police Services Board (PSB), along with administrative support staff, attended the 2019 Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB) Spring Conference and Annual General Meeting. It was held in Windsor, ON from May 22-25, 2019, and the theme of the conference was “The Comprehensive Ontario Police Services Act.”

The Tecumseh PSB is a long-standing member of the OAPSB, considered the leading voice of police governance in Ontario. The OAPSB assists local police services boards fulfill their legislated responsibilities by providing training and networking opportunities and facilitating the transfer of knowledge. The Association also advocates for improvements in public safety laws and regulations, practices and funding mechanisms. Its membership includes police services board members, police and law enforcement officials, and other persons involved in policing and public safety.

At the September 12, 2019 meeting of the PSB, a motion was passed (PSB 30/19) to forward the board’s report on the 2019 OAPSB Spring Conference and AGM to Council for information. The report appears as Attachment 1.

Comments

Ontario's police and police governance bodies are facing a period of significant legislative change. To summarize briefly:

- The *Comprehensive Ontario Police Services Act, 2019* received Royal Assent on March 26, 2019 and created, among other statutes, the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA, 2019).
- The proclamation date for the CSPA, 2019 has not been determined yet but when it comes into force, it will repeal and replace the current *Police Services Act* (1990). Until then, the *Police Services Act* (1990) will remain in force.
- Significantly, the CSPA, 2019 will provide First Nations communities with greater choice in how their policing services are delivered, including the option to deliver policing in their communities under the provincial legislative framework.
- The CSPA, 2019 also introduced other requirements such as the mandatory adoption by Ontario municipalities of a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan by January 1, 2021. This is one provision of the CSPA, 2019 that comes into effect immediately.
- The Ministry of the Solicitor General is currently developing a strategy to engage stakeholders, including PSBs, and partners to provide input on the development of key matters for regulation. The CSPA, 2019 will not come into full force until the necessary regulations have been finalized.

This year's OAPSB Conference focused primarily, but not exclusively, on topics related to the legislative changes summarized above. The PSB's report provides an overview of the training and educational sessions, with board members' notes and observations.

The following sections of the report provide highlights that may be of particular interest to Town Council:

- Update on the Community Safety & Policing Act, 2019 – Ministry of the Solicitor General
- Community Safety and Well-Being Planning – Halton Region
- Cannabis Update: Outdoor Grow, an Industry Disrupter

Consultations

Police Services Board

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Link to Strategic Priorities

Applicable	2019-22 Strategic Priorities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Make the Town of Tecumseh an even better place to live, work and invest through a shared vision for our residents and newcomers.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ensure that Tecumseh's current and future growth is built upon the principles of sustainability and strategic decision-making.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Integrate the principles of health and wellness into all of Tecumseh's plans and priorities.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Steward the Town's "continuous improvement" approach to municipal service delivery to residents and businesses.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Demonstrate the Town's leadership role in the community by promoting good governance and community engagement, by bringing together organizations serving the Town and the region to pursue common goals.

Communications

Not applicable ☒

Website ☐

Social Media ☐

News Release ☐

Local Newspaper ☐

This report has been prepared and is recommended for submission by the Chief Administrative Officer.

Recommended by:

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Chief Administrative Officer

Attachment Number	Attachment Name
1	Police Services Board Report on 2019 OAPSB Spring Conference and AGM