

Police Services Board for the Town of Tecumseh

Minutes

Date: Thursday, September 12, 2019
Time: 4:30 pm
Location: Tecumseh Town Hall - Council Chambers
917 Lesperance Road
Tecumseh, Ontario N8N 1W9

Present:

Member Mayor Gary McNamara
Member Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti
Chair Christopher Hales
Member Marc Gomes
Vice-Chair Paul Sweet

Also Present:

OPP Staff Sgt. Jamie Smith
Secretary Margaret Misk-Evans, CAO
Recording Secretary Ellen Preuschat

A. Call to Order

Chair Christopher Hales called the meeting to order at 4:37 pm.

B. Roll Call

C. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There was no pecuniary interest declared by a member.

D. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: PSB - 27/19

Moved by Mayor Gary McNamara
Seconded by Member Marc Gomes

That the Agenda for the Police Services Board Meeting, dated Thursday, September 12, 2019, as duplicated and delivered to the members thereof, be accepted.

Carried

E. Approval of the Previous Minutes

1. Police Services Board Regular Meeting - June 5, 2019

2. Police Services Board Special Meeting - May 28, 2019

Motion: PSB - 28/19

Moved by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

Seconded by Vice-Chair Paul Sweet

That the Regular Minutes of the June 5, 2019 Police Services Board Meeting, and the Minutes of the Special Meeting on May 28, 2019 as duplicated and delivered to the members thereof, be adopted.

Carried

F. Delegations

1. Eleanor Groh, Former PSB Member

Re: Recognition of Service

Chair Christopher Hales and Mayor Gary McNamara thanked former member Ms. Eleanor Groh for her dedicated years of service to the board and the citizens of the community. Mayor McNamara expressed appreciation for her knowledge of governance and Chair Hales noted that her background in the health sector brought a helpful perspective to many discussions around policing and mental health issues. Chair Hales presented Ms. Groh with a gift on behalf of the board and Town.

G. OPP Monthly Report

1. OPP Police Services Board Monthly Overview - May to July 2019

2. OPP Report to Tecumseh PSB - May to July 2019

Staff Sgt. Jamie Smith provided highlights of the OPP report for the months of May, June and July 2019.

Sgt. Smith raised the possibility of a crisis line as an additional resource to lower the number of police responding to mental health calls.

There was discussion on escalating rates of 911 misdials, which are up 94% July 2019 over July 2018. This issue needs to be addressed at the provincial level, with potential involvement of cell phone manufacturers.

Motion: PSB - 29/19

Moved by Member Marc Gomes

Seconded by Mayor Gary McNamara

That the OPP Report for the months of May, June and July 2019, be received.

Carried

H. Reports

1. OAPSB 2019 Spring Conference and AGM Report

Motion: PSB - 30/19

Moved by Member Marc Gomes

Seconded by Mayor Gary McNamara

That the Tecumseh Police Services Board Report on the Ontario Association of Polices Services Boards (OAPSB) 2019 Spring Conference and AGM be received, and forwarded to Town Council.

Carried

I. Communications - Action Required

1. Ministry of the Solicitor General dated June 11, 2019

Re: Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (R.I.D.E.) Grant Allocation for 2019-2020

Motion: PSB - 31/19

Moved by Mayor Gary McNamara

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

That CAO Margaret Misk-Evans be authorized to execute an Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Solicitor General and the Tecumseh Police Services Board for the R.I.D.E. Program, covering the period from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020.

Carried

2. Letter to OAPSB from OPPIR Panel dated August 13, 2019

Re: Workplace Culture of OPP

Motion: PSB - 32/19

Moved by Member Marc Gomes

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

That the letter to the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards from the OPPIR dated August 13, 2019 be received.

Carried

J. Communications - For Information Purposes

1. Letter to C. Hales dated July 18, 2019

Re: Policies and Practices related to section 35 of the PSA

2. Letter to Tecumseh PSB dated June 14, 2019

Re: 2018 Annual Performance Report - Inspector Glenn Miller

3. All Chiefs Memo dated June 14, 2019

Re: Police Services Board Members and Elections

With respect to item J.1 Chair Hales noted that the board's policies are compliant with the policies related to section 35 of the *Police Services Act*.

Motion: PSB - 33/19

Moved by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

Seconded by Mayor Gary McNamara

That correspondence detailed as Items J 1 to 3 Communications for Information, be received.

Carried

K. Old Business

1. Administration of Parking Tickets

CAO Marg Misek-Evans reported that the administration of parking tickets was reviewed in 2014 and, at that time, it was agreed the OPP would continue in this role. The Town's policing agreements were also examined, with no contradiction found to this practice. She noted, however, that under the new *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*, once fully in force, bylaw enforcement will not be part of policing, so change is imminent. The Town requests that the status quo continue until that time.

CAO Misek-Evans further noted that Administration is meeting with the OPP to clarify the process when citizens wish to dispute tickets. One option may be a committee to adjudicate requests, thereby avoiding costly court proceedings.

2. 2019 Joint Essex County Police Services Board Meeting

Chair Hales stated that a report on the Joint Essex County Police Services Boards Meeting held in Leamington on August 29, 2019 will be included with the October 10, 2019 board meeting agenda.

L. New Business

Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti left the meeting at 5:24 pm.

1. Live streaming of PSB Meetings

CAO Marg Misek-Evans explained that Town Council has opted to undertake web-based live streaming (webcasting) of Council meetings. Town committees are being canvassed regarding their interest in

participating, beginning in January 2020. The members agreed that this initiative would enhance accountability, transparency and accessibility to the public.

Motion: PSB - 34/19

Moved by Mayor Gary McNamara

Seconded by Member Marc Gomes

That future webcasting of the meetings of the Tecumseh Police Services Board be approved.

Carried

2. Presentation by OPP Municipal Policing Bureau on Contract Model

CAO Marg Misek-Evans noted that the OPP contract will be up for renewal next year, and inquired if the members would be interested in a joint meeting with Town Council on October 8, 2019 to hear a presentation from the OPP Municipal Policing Bureau on the billing model and to address other questions related to the contract. Questions may be submitted to the Bureau by board and Council members in advance.

Motion: PSB - 35/19

Moved by Member Marc Gomes

Seconded by Vice-Chair Paul Sweet

That the Tecumseh Police Service Board confirm its interest in a joint meeting with Tecumseh Town Council for a presentation by the OPP Municipal Policing Bureau on the OPP Billing Model and policing contract.

Carried

3. Media and Communications Training - November 6, 2019

Redbrick Communications will be providing training on November 6, 2019 to Council and Senior Administration in advance of webcasting of Council meetings. As the board has opted into webcasting, all members will be invited to training session.

4. 2020 Police and PSB Budget

The draft 2020 PSB and Police budget will be presented to the board at the October 10, 2019 board meeting. CAO Marg Misek-Evans advised it will include funding for the development of a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, and potentially to address the amalgamation issue as well. She noted that both these topics are included on the agenda of the September 27, 2019 Area CAO meeting.

A budget review meeting will be scheduled between Administration and the Board Chair. A 15-minute budget presentation will be developed

during the week of October 21 for presentation to Council on November 12. December 10 is Council's deliberation date with consideration of adoption.

5. PSB Agenda Process

CAO Marg Misk-Evans and Recording Secretary Ellen Preuschat described the new agenda process for the board, which will be digital (paperless), using the Escribe agenda management system that Council recently adopted. There will be numerous advantages, including consistency with Council's system, improved transparency through easier accessibility on the Town's website calendar, and fewer resources consumed.

6. OAPSB Labour Seminar October 10 - 11, 2019

The Tecumseh PSB will not be attending this event, as it focuses almost exclusively on collective bargaining and labour issues.

7. Graffiti Incidents

The Mayor reported on a number of recent graffiti incidents, noting the Town has requested the public and businesses to be vigilant in watching for perpetrators. Sgt. Smith stated that focused patrols have been set up, and the street crimes unit has become involved. Due to the nature of the graffiti, the Mayor's Office was contacted by the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies, which has urged vigorous pursuit of charges. Vice Chair Paul Sweet added that this organization has a highly recommended education and outreach program, which may be valuable to bring to the community and/or schools.

In addition to the graffiti incidents, Mayor McNamara reported on additional complaints received at the September 10, 2019 Public Council Meeting regarding speeding in neighbourhoods and on the E. C. Expressway. He also noted a need for better signage regarding dynamic breaking.

8. Register Your Camera Program

Staff Sgt. Jamie Smith described a volunteer community program called "Register Your Camera" which can assist police by providing access to footage captured by private security cameras. Administration will follow up with the OPP on looking into this program as an option for the Town.

M. Next Meeting

The next police Service Board meeting will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 4:30 pm.

N. Adjournment

Motion: PSB - 36/19

Moved by Mayor Gary McNamara

Seconded by Vice-Chair Paul Sweet

That there being no further business, the Thursday, September 12, 2019 meeting of the Police Services Board now adjourn at 6:16 pm.

Carried

Christopher Hales, Chair

Margaret Misek-Evans, Secretary