

Police Services Board for the Town of Tecumseh

Minutes

Date: Thursday, October 10, 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

Absent:
Inspector Glenn Miller

A. Call to Order

Chair Christopher Hales called the meeting to order at 4:39 pm.

B. Roll Call

C. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There was no pecuniary interest declared by a member of the Board.

D. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: PSB - 37/19

Moved by Mayor Gary McNamara
Seconded by Member Marc Gomes

That the Supplementary Agenda for the Police Services Board Meeting, dated Thursday, October 10, 2019, as duplicated and delivered to the members thereof, be accepted.

Carried

E. Approval of the Previous Minutes

1. Police Services Board Regular Meeting - September 12, 2019

Motion: PSB - 38/19

Moved by Member Marc Gomes

Seconded by Vice-Chair Paul Sweet

That the Regular Minutes of the September 12, 2019 Police Services Board Meeting, as duplicated and delivered to the members thereof, be adopted.

Carried

F. Delegations

There were no delegations presented to the Board.

G. OPP Monthly Report

Staff Sgt. Jamie Smith provided a summary of the OPP Report for the month of August 2019.

Sgt. Smith noted that POA traffic charges were up significantly for the month, as measurable traffic enforcement goals were established and met for both Tecumseh and Lakeshore.

The members discussed possible solutions to the continually increasing number of 911 misdials, which are trending 63% higher compared to 2018 (YTD), including the potential to lay charges and communications companies implementing a two-step verification process.

Member Paul Sweet inquired if the OPP employs part time officers. Sgt. Smith explained that retiring officers are given the option of re-applying for part time work without loss of qualifications, but there are no part time officers at the local detachment.

Mayor McNamara expressed appreciation to Staff Sgt. Smith for special assistance provided to a local family to attend Fire Prevention Week, following their experience of a racist episode in a Town park.

1. OPP Police Services Board Monthly Overview - August 2019

2. OPP Report to Tecumseh PSB - August 2019

Motion: PSB - 39/19

Moved by Mayor Gary McNamara

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

That the OPP Report for the month of the August 2019 and the OPP Police Services Board Monthly Overview for the month of August 2019, be received.

Carried

H. Reports

1. Joint Essex County Police Services Board Meeting - August 29, 2019

Motion: PSB - 40/19

Moved by Vice-Chair Paul Sweet

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

That the Chair's Report on the Joint Essex County Police Services Board Meeting held on August 29, 2019, in Leamington, ON be received.

Carried

I. Communications - Action Required

There were no Communications - Action Required items presented to the Board.

J. Communications - For Information Purposes

Chair Hales received a thank you card from Former Member Eleanor Groh, which he shared with the members.

1. Letter from OPP Municipal Policing Bureau dated September 23, 2019

Re: 2020 Annual Billing Statement

Motion: PSB - 41/19

Moved by Vice-Chair Paul Sweet

Seconded by Member Marc Gomes

That correspondence detailed as Item 1, Communications for Information, be received.

Carried

K. Old Business

1. 2020 Police and PSB Budget

CAO Marg Misek-Evans provided an overview of the proposed 2020 Police and Police Services Board Budget.

Chair Hales raised the issue of potential funding for amalgamation discussions. CAO Marg Misek-Evans responded that, after discussion at the Area CAO Meeting, the plan is to proceed with an initial meeting but subsequent actions are unclear at this time. Therefore, additional funding has not been included in the proposed 2020 budget.

The CAO will work with the Chair in developing a presentation for Council at the November 12, 2019 Council Meeting.

Motion: PSB - 42/19

Moved by Member Marc Gomes

Seconded by Vice-Chair Paul Sweet

That the proposed 2020 budget for Policing of \$3,404,787, reflecting a 3.61% increase, and for the Police Services Board of \$42,767, reflecting a 0.59% decrease, be approved by the Tecumseh Police Services Board, and be recommended for consideration and approval by Town Council.

Carried

2. Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan - CAO Update

The CAO and Recording Secretary attended a full day training workshop in London on October 9 on the development of CSWB Plans hosted by the Municipal Crime Prevention Network. The workshop emphasized that municipal leadership is critical to the success of the planning process and that police are just one of many multi-sectoral partners.

CAO Marg Misek-Evans further reported that the CSWB Planning process was discussed at the area CAO meeting held on September 27, 2019. The consensus was for the County of Essex to approach the City of Windsor to jointly undertake this Plan, with individual appendices for each municipality. Once this joint approach is confirmed, the Essex CAO will approach County Council for one-time funding; area municipalities may have to fund some additional local consultation.

3. Essex County PSB Amalgamation Discussion - CAO Update

CAO Marg Misek-Evans noted that this matter was discussed at the recent area CAO meeting. The CAO and Recording Secretary will move forward with organizing the initial meeting of Mayors and Board Chairs.

4. Presentation by OPP Municipal Policing Bureau at October 8, 2019 SCM

There was general discussion on the OPP's presentation to Council on October 8, 2019, in particular the status of OPP contracts following full implementation of the new policing legislation.

5. Media and Web streaming Training - November 6, 2019

CAO Marg Misek-Evans confirmed that the training on Media and Web streaming will take place as a Special Council Meeting, at the rescheduled time of 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. on November 6th in Council Chambers.

L. New Business

1. 911 Misdials

Stemming from the discussion on OPP monthly reports, the following resolution on 911 Misdials arose.

Motion: PSB - 43/19

Moved by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

Seconded by Mayor Gary McNamara

Whereas the calls for service for 911 Misdials have risen dramatically in recent years, correlated with the rise in cell phone use; and

Whereas 911 Misdials must be responded to as if they were legitimate emergency calls; and

Whereas each 911 call is responded to with two OPP officers at an average time per call of 1.2 hours; and

Whereas each 911 call is a billable call to the municipality; and

Whereas in 2019 alone to date, 911 Misdials in Tecumseh number 1,082 calls, which is 28.8% of all billable calls for service to date; and

Whereas 911 Misdials are not unique to Tecumseh and in fact are common across the Province at an estimated cost of millions of dollars;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Tecumseh Police Services Board request Town Council to approach the Federal and Provincial governments and associations, including but not limited to, the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB), the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), to lobby the telecommunications industry to develop a solution to 911 Misdials.

Carried

M. Next Meeting

Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 4:30 pm

N. Adjournment

Motion: PSB - 44/19

Moved by Mayor Gary McNamara

Seconded by Member Marc Gomes

That there being no further business to discuss, the Thursday, October 10, 2019 meeting of the Tecumseh Police Services Board adjourn at 6:02 pm.

Carried

Christopher Hales, Chair

Margaret Misek-Evans, Secretary