

Police Services Board for the Town of Tecumseh

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2020
Time: 4:00 pm
Location: Tecumseh Town Hall - Tecumseh Room
917 Lesperance Road
Tecumseh, Ontario N8N 1W9

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

Also Present:
OPP Inspector, Glenn Miller
OPP Staff Sergeant, Jamie Smith
Secretary, Margaret Misk-Evans, CAO
Recording Secretary, Ellen Preuschat

Absent:
OPP Sergeant Byron Hornick

A. Call to Order

CAO Margaret Misk-Evans called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

B. Roll Call

C. Election/Appointment of Officers

1. Appointment of Secretary and Recording Secretary

Motion: PSB - 01/20

Moved by Chair Christopher Hales
Seconded by Mayor Gary McNamara

That the appointment of Margaret Misk-Evans as Secretary and Ellen Preuschat as Recording Secretary for the Tecumseh Police Services Board **be reconfirmed** for the period of January 1, 2020 to the date of the first meeting of the board in 2021.

Carried

2. Election of Chair

Secretary Margaret Misek-Evans called for nominations for Chair of the Tecumseh Police Services Board for the year 2020 and up to the first meeting of the board in 2021. Mayor Gary McNamara nominated Christopher Hales, seconded by Paul Sweet. Following second and third calls for nominations, no further nominations were received. The Secretary asked Mr. Hales if he wishes to stand and Mr. Hales accepted.

Motion: PSB - 02/20

Moved by Mayor Gary McNamara

Seconded by Vice-Chair Paul Sweet

That Christopher Hales **be appointed** as Chair of the Police Services Board for the Town of Tecumseh for the period of January 1, 2020 to the date of the first meeting of the board in 2021.

Carried

3. Election of Vice Chair

Chair Christopher Hales called for nominations for Vice Chair of the Tecumseh Police Services Board for the year 2020 and up to the first meeting of the board in 2021. Member Marc Gomes nominated Paul Sweet, seconded by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti. Following second and third calls for nominations, no further nominations were received. The Chair asked Mr. Sweet if he wishes to stand and Mr. Sweet accepted.

Motion: PSB - 03/20

Moved by Member Marc Gomes

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

That Paul Sweet **be appointed** as Vice Chair of the Police Services Board for the Town of Tecumseh for the period of January 1, 2020 to the date of the first meeting of the board in 2021.

Carried

D. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

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

E. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: PSB - 04/20

Moved by Vice-Chair Paul Sweet

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

That the Agenda for the Police Services Board Meeting, dated Wednesday, March 4, 2020, as duplicated and delivered to the members thereof, **be accepted.**

Carried

F. Approval of the Previous Minutes

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

Motion: PSB - 05/20

Moved by Member Marc Gomes

Seconded by Vice-Chair Paul Sweet

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

Carried

G. Delegations

There were no delegations presented to the Board.

H. OPP Monthly Report

Inspector Glenn Miller provided a summary of the OPP Report for the months of December 2019 and January 2020. Inspector Miller explained that a new process for 911 calls has been instituted by the OPP, in which 911 calls are 'triaged' at the OPP communications centre before being dispatched for service. This change is expected to result in a major reduction in the number of 911 Misdialeds, as evidenced by the decline in the January 2020 statistic.

Staff Sgt. Jamie Smith reported that the two new teams (Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team and Youth Crisis Response Team) funded under the Community Safety and Policing Grant have been formed in early March and should be responding to calls by early April. The teams will be based out of the Lakeshore detachment building. Participation of clinicians in responding to crisis calls is expected to free up officers as well as lowering hospital wait times.

In relation to the RIDE program, Deputy Mayor Bachetti noted that no there was no longer a need for RIDE programs at the annual Corn Festival, now an alcohol-free event. They would be recommended for the Taste of Tecumseh event.

Mayor McNamara mentioned the concerns expressed on speeding and traffic enforcement during the 2019 Citizen Satisfaction Survey, and that Town Council would like to see a concerted effort to address these issues in the community. He also noted the change in the Crime Severity Index for the Town. Inspector Miller explained that some recent major crime incidents (property and violent crime) affected the recent result.

1. **OPP Police Services Board Monthly Overview - December 2019 and January 2020**
2. **OPP Report to Tecumseh PSB - December 2019 and January 2020**

Motion: PSB - 06/20

Moved by Member Marc Gomes

Seconded by Vice-Chair Paul Sweet

That the OPP Report for the months of December 2019 and January 2020 **be received.**

Carried

I. Reports

1. **OPP Detachment Board Report dated January 23, 2020**
Foresight Management Consulting
2. **Report on 2020 OAPSB OPP Governance Summit - January 30, 2020**
3. **Ministry of the Solicitor General Regional Roundtable - February 19, 2020, London, ON**

CAO Marg Misek-Evans reported that she, Mayor McNamara, and Councillor Brian Houston attended this roundtable hosted by the Ministry of the Solicitor General on upcoming regulations for the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*. The event included a similar presentation by the Ministry as at the January 30, 2020 OAPSB Governance Summit. Due to the open meeting format, wide-ranging discussion took place but consensus on specific regulation recommendations was not reached.

Motion: PSB - 07/20

Moved by Mayor Gary McNamara

Seconded by Member Marc Gomes

That the reports detailed as Items I, 1-3, **be received.**

Carried

J. Communications - Action Required

1. 2020 OAPSB Spring Conference Sponsorship Opportunities

Motion: PSB - 08/20

Moved by Mayor Gary McNamara

Seconded by Vice-Chair Paul Sweet

That sponsorship of the 2020 OAPSB Spring Conference and AGM taking place May 27-30, 2020, in Toronto, ON, **be approved** in the amount of \$300, in accordance with the 2020 budget.

Carried

2. Windsor and Essex County Crime Stoppers dated February 18, 2020

Re: Invitation to 35th Anniversary Celebration

Motion: PSB - 09/20

Moved by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

Seconded by Mayor Gary McNamara

That the purchase of two tickets for board members to attend the Windsor and Essex County Crime Stoppers 35th Anniversary Celebration taking place on April 25, 2020 **be approved**.

Carried

K. Communications - For Information Purposes

1. OAPSB Zone 6 dated October 30, 2019

Re: Minutes of Zone 6 Meeting - Sarnia, ON

2. OAPSB dated December 30, 2019

Re: Membership Update - Development of New Regulations

3. Solicitor General dated February 12, 2020

Re: 911 Misdials

4. OPP Municipal Policing Bureau dated February 3, 2020

Re: 2020 Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Grant Update

5. Municipality of Huron East dated January 8, 2020

Re: 911 Misdials

6. Township of La Vallee dated January 9, 2020

Re: 911 Misdials

- 7. Township of Nipigon dated January 9, 2020**
Re: 911 Misdials
- 8. Town of Rainy River dated January 13, 2020**
Re: 911 Misdials
- 9. Township of Armour dated January 16, 2020**
Re: 911 Misdials
- 10. City of Belleville dated January 16, 2020**
Re: 911 Misdials
- 11. Town of Innisfil dated January 17, 2020**
Re: 911 Misdials
- 12. Town of Lakeshore dated January 17, 2020**
Re: 911 Misdials
- 13. Township of Norwich dated January 17, 2020**
Re: 911 Misdials
- 14. Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands dated January 20, 2020**
Re: 911 Misdials
- 15. Township of North Kawartha dated January 20, 2020**
Re: 911 Misdials
- 16. City of St. Catharines dated January 21, 2020**
Re: 911 Misdials
- 17. Town of Marathon dated January 21, 2020**
Re: 911 Misdials
- 18. Hanover Police Services Board dated January 22, 2020**
Re: 911 Misdials
- 19. Township of Champlain dated January 24, 2020**
Re: 911 Misdials
- 20. Township of Schreiber dated January 28, 2020**
Re: 911 Misdials
- 21. Town of Espanola dated February 3, 2020**
Re: 911 Misdials

22. Township of Addington Highlands dated February 7, 2020

re: 911 Misdials

23. Township of Madoc dated February 19, 2020

Re: 911 Misdials

24. Municipality of Dutton Dunwich dated February 27, 2020

Re: 911 Misdials

25. Town of Hanover dated February 24, 2020

Re: 911 Misdials

Motion: PSB - 10/20

Moved by Vice-Chair Paul Sweet

Seconded by Member Marc Gomes

That correspondence detailed as Items K 1-25, Communications for Information, **be received.**

Carried

26. Letter from Town of Lakeshore to Solicitor General dated February 12, 2020

Re: Town of Lakeshore's Submission regarding OPP Detachment Boards

27. Letter from Town of Lakeshore to Town of Tecumseh dated January 30, 2020

The board discussed Items K 26-27, and it was noted that the Town of Lakeshore Police Services Board's recommendation, endorsed by Lakeshore Town Council, on two detachment boards was received after the completion of the report on the Joint Meeting on OPP Detachment Boards held on December 18, 2019 (Item I-1). No formal objection to the recommendations contained therein was raised by the delegates from Lakeshore during that meeting, or in any subsequent communication to the Tecumseh board. The Mayor emphasized the importance of working together as a region during the transition to OPP Detachment Boards.

Motion: PSB - 11/20

Moved by Mayor Gary McNamara

Seconded by Vice-Chair Paul Sweet

Whereas a consensus was reached at the joint meeting of Mayors, Police Services Board Chairs, and Chief Administrative Officers of the Towns of Essex, Kingsville, Lakeshore, Leamington and Tecumseh held on December 18, 2019 in Essex, ON, on the recommendations to the

Solicitor General for a regional approach to the establishment of an OPP Detachment Board; and

Whereas this consensus was recorded in the report by Foresight Management Consulting dated January 23, 2020 entitled "OPP Detachment Board Report" (Foresight Report); and

Whereas no written objection to the contents of the Foresight Report was received by the Tecumseh Police Services Board;

Therefore be it Resolved that the Tecumseh Police Services Board **recommend** to Tecumseh Town Council that the Mayor send a letter to the Town of Lakeshore, in response to their letter dated January 30, 2020, confirming support for the recommendations as set out in the Foresight Report, with a copy to be sent to the Solicitor General and the other OPP policed municipalities in Essex County.

Carried

L. Old Business

1. Community Safety and Well-Being Plan

Re: CAO Update

CAO Margaret Misk-Evans reported that the development of the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan has been initiated, and that she is a member of the Regional Systems Working Table. Two meetings of this group have been held to date. She reported that StrategyCorp was selected as the consultant to prepare the regional plan, with appendices for each region.

M. New Business

1. Annual Performance Review for OPP Inspector

The Chair will coordinate the 2019 Annual Performance Review of the OPP Detachment Commander, with administrative support provided by the Recording Secretary.

2. Town of Tecumseh 2019 Citizen Satisfaction Survey

The board discussed the results of the 2019 Citizen Satisfaction Survey, in particular the data related to Policing. Mayor McNamara observed that, while a high percentage of citizens believe the community is safe, the 10% drop in satisfaction with Policing since the 2017 survey is significant. Vice Chair Paul Sweet recommended that in the next survey more focused questions be included to clarify some of the issues. Inspector Miller spoke about the Satisfaction Survey conducted regularly by the OPP and the opportunity for a portion of the survey to focus specifically on Tecumseh (by request).

Chair Hales stated that the board should report to Council indicating that this matter was considered and the need for a remediation plan discussed.

Mayor McNamara referenced Council Report PWES-2020-05 "Traffic Analysis - 2019 Radar Speed Surveys", and indicated he believes residents' concerns regarding traffic enforcement are reflected in the survey result.

Motion: PSB - 12/20

Moved by Mayor Gary McNamara

Seconded by Vice-Chair Paul Sweet

That the Tecumseh Police Services Board **request** the Essex County OPP Detachment Commander or delegate report to Town Council to address the results of the 2019 Citizen Satisfaction Survey, including remedial actions taken to address the 10% drop in satisfaction with Policing indicated therein.

Carried

N. Next Meeting

Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

O. Adjournment

Motion: PSB - 13/20

Moved by Vice-Chair Paul Sweet

Seconded by Member Marc Gomes

That there being no further business to discuss, the Wednesday, March 4, 2020 meeting of the Tecumseh Police Services Board **adjourn** at 5:45 pm.

Carried

Christopher Hales, Chair

Margaret Misek-Evans, Secretary