

Police Services Board for the Town of Tecumseh

Minutes

Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020
Time: 4:30 pm
Location: This meeting is being conducted electronically

Present:

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

Also Present:

OPP Inspector, Glenn Miller
OPP Staff Sergeant, Jamie Smith
OPP Sergeant Byron Hornick
Secretary, Margaret Misk-Evans, CAO
Recording Secretary, Ellen Preuschat

A. Call to Order

Chair Christopher Hales called the meeting to order at 4:30 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 - 20/20

Moved by Member Marc Gomes

Seconded by Mayor Gary McNamara

That the Agenda for the Police Services Board Meeting, dated Thursday, June 11, 2020, as duplicated and delivered to the members thereof, **be accepted**.

Carried

E. Approval of the Previous Minutes

1. Police Services Board Regular Meeting - May 14, 2020

Motion: PSB - 21/20

Moved by Vice-Chair Paul Sweet

Seconded by Member Marc Gomes

That the Regular Minutes of the May 14, 2020 Police Services Board Meeting, as amended, **be adopted**.

Carried

F. Delegations

There were no delegations presented to the Board.

G. OPP Monthly Report

There was no Monthly OPP Report presented to the Board.

H. Reports

There were no reports presented to the Board.

I. Communications - Action Required

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

J. Communications - For Information Purposes

1. OPP Municipal Policing Bureau dated June 8, 2020

Re: Change in Security Check and Revenue Distribution Processes

2. Memorandum from OPP Commissioner Thomas Carrique dated June 4, 2020

Re: Recent Protest Activity

Chair Hales thanked Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti for suggesting that the board reach out to the OPP to request a statement on their position regarding the recent anti-racism demonstrations in many urban centres arising from the death of Mr. George Floyd in the United States. The OPP Commissioner's memorandum has now been distributed to Police Services Boards in Ontario. Vice Chair Paul Sweet inquired if it would be prudent to prepare a statement from the board on what our limitations are with respect to setting policy for the OPP. Chair Hales advised that the board does not necessarily need to issue a statement at this point, but could respond to any citizen requesting a policy statement and also support Town Council, if they are approached by residents on this matter.

3. 2020 OAPSB Annual General Meeting - May 29, 2020

Motion: PSB - 22/20

Moved by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

Seconded by Mayor Gary McNamara

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

Carried

K. Old Business

1. Town of Tecumseh 2019 Citizen Satisfaction Survey

Re: CAO Update

CAO Margaret Misk-Evans reported that the date for the Essex County OPP's presentation to Town Council on the results of the 2019 Citizen Satisfaction Survey, as they relate to policing, is July 28, 2020.

2. Excessive Noise - Vehicular Exhaust Systems

Staff Sgt. Jamie Smith presented his report to the board that summarizes a review of noise bylaws enacted in other communities and the options for enforcement in Tecumseh related to excessive noise generated by vehicular exhaust systems. CAO Margaret Misk-Evans also summarized the table provided by Administration that compares the noise by-law provisions of the cities of Windsor, Toronto and Edmonton, and compares them to Tecumseh in terms of enforcement, special equipment and whether they are complaint driven. She noted that these cities are much larger than Tecumseh, which only has one bylaw enforcement officer, who would face significant logistical and operational challenges to be precise on decibel levels both on the street and in court. Town Administration supports the OPP's recommendation to rely on the *Highway Traffic Act* as a first step in enforcement, and monitor how that unfolds. The Mayor noted that an enforcement 'blitz' could be helpful in sending a message to the community.

Motion: PSB - 23/20

Moved by Mayor Gary McNamara

Seconded by Member Marc Gomes

That the Tecumseh Police Services Board **adopt** the Essex County OPP Report dated June 4, 2020 regarding enforcement of noise complaints related to excessive noise from vehicular exhaust systems;

And that the above referenced report be **recommended** to Town Council for adoption.

Carried

L. New Business

1. Property Crimes - Carmelita Court

The Mayor expressed concern regarding illegal activities in the Carmelita Court neighborhood, where many seniors reside, including vehicles being broken into and/or damaged, and vandalism of properties. He thanked the OPP for their quick response to the resident who contacted the police, and suggested the warmer weather brings 'crimes of opportunity.' This would be a good time for a public "lock it or lose it" campaign. Chair Hales reminded all residents that the OPP is the first point of contact regarding such incidents.

M. Next Meeting

Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

N. Adjournment

Motion: PSB - 24/20

Moved by Mayor Gary McNamara

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

That there being no further business to discuss, the Thursday, June 11, 2020 meeting of the Tecumseh Police Services Board **adjourn** at 5:28 pm.

Carried

Christopher Hales, Chair

Margaret Misek-Evans, Secretary