

Police Services Board for the Town of Tecumseh

Minutes

Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020
Time: 4:30 pm
Location: Electronic meeting live streamed at:
<https://video.isilive.ca/tecumseh/live.html>.

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
Secretary, Margaret Misek-Evans, CAO
Recording Secretary, Ellen Preuschat

Absent:

OPP Sergeant Byron Hornick

Others:

Director Financial Services & CFO, Tom Kitsos

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 - 38/20

Moved by Mayor Gary McNamara
Seconded by Member Marc Gomes

That the Agenda for the Special Police Services Board Meeting, dated Thursday, November 12, 2020, as duplicated and delivered to the members thereof, **be accepted.**

Carried

E. Approval of the Previous Minutes

There were no minutes presented to the Board.

F. Delegations

There were no delegations presented to the Board.

G. OPP Monthly Report

There was no OPP monthly report presented to the Board.

H. Reports

1. 2021 Police and Police Services Board Budget

CAO Margaret Misek-Evans summarized the Town budget schedule and the highlights of the proposed 2021 Police and Police Services Board budget as outlined in her briefing note dated November 10, 2020.

With respect to the 66% reduction in the amount budgeted for the board's Professional Development, Member Marc Gomes asked how board members would be able to participate in the Ontario Association for Police Services Boards (OAPSB) annual conference should the COVID-19 pandemic subside and a regular (non-virtual) event take place. CAO Marg Misek-Evans responded that cuts were made in this account across all Town departments as, with widespread distribution of an effective vaccine months away, it is not anticipated that a return to 'normal' gatherings will take place in 2021. She suggested that the board advise the OAPSB of this budget reduction and advocate for a virtual conference option even if the in-person event goes forward.

Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti noted that the proposed budget does not include provision for an enhancement in the form of dedicated traffic officers and asked about the possibility of including this. Marg noted that, in previous board discussion, this was identified as a decision driven by Town Council. Further, Administration has been working closely with the Essex County OPP Staff Sergeant and team to respond to traffic complaints in a timely manner.

Deputy Mayor Bachetti reiterated that there are speeding and traffic-related concerns and suggested that photo radar on a regional basis could be explored. The Mayor noted that the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), through Local Authority Services (LAS), is looking into the potential development of a municipal leasing program of photo radar equipment, which is very costly. Inspector Miller added that traffic enforcement remains one of the Essex County OPP's highest priorities, based on data analysis and realistic expectations of the community. Charges are laid when the evidence exists.

A more fulsome discussion of this issue was suggested for the next regular meeting of the board, on December 10, 2020. In closing, Mayor

McNamara observed that it is difficult for him, and other Ontario mayors, to reconcile the possibility of paying for additional contract enhancements when the current integrated billing model results in additional reconciled costs at year end. The Mayors continue to await the results of a provincial audit that will address this matter.

Motion: PSB - 39/20

Moved by Vice-Chair Paul Sweet

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

That the proposed 2021 budget for Policing of \$3,416,874, reflecting a 1.12% increase, and for the Police Services Board of \$34,856, reflecting an 18.50% decrease, **be approved** by the Tecumseh Police Services Board, and **be recommended** for consideration and approval by Town Council.

Carried

I. Communications - Action Required

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

J. Communications - For Information Purposes

There were no Communications - For Information Purposes presented to the Board.

K. Old Business

1. Disposition of Unclaimed Funds from OPP Detachment

Motion: PSB - 40/20

Moved by Mayor Gary McNamara

Seconded by Member Marc Gomes

That the unclaimed funds from the Tecumseh OPP Detachment in the amount of \$1,098 **be disbursed** in equal amounts to the Essex County OPP Cop Camp and the Essex County OPP's Values, Influences and Peers (VIP) school program in Tecumseh;

And that, should Cop Camp be cancelled in 2021 due to the COVID-10 pandemic, that the full amount of the unclaimed funds **be directed** to the OPP's VIP school program in Tecumseh.

Carried

L. New Business

M. Next Meeting

Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 4:30 pm.

N. Adjournment

Prior to adjourning, Mayor McNamara requested that congratulations be extended to Essex County OPP canine "Maximus" and his handler (Constable Milan Matovski) on the occasion of Maximus' 100th apprehension, which took place in October.

Motion: PSB - 41/20

Moved by Vice-Chair Paul Sweet

Seconded by Mayor Gary McNamara

That there being no further business, the Thursday, November 12, 2020 meeting of the Police Services Board **be adjourned** at 5:13 pm.

Carried

Christopher Hales, Chair

Margaret Misek-Evans, Secretary