

## **Police Services Board for the Town of Tecumseh**

### **Minutes**

Date: Thursday, February 11, 2021  
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  
Member, Christopher Hales  
Member, Paul Sweet

#### **Also Present:**

OPP Inspector, Glenn Miller  
OPP Sergeant Byron Hornick  
Secretary, Margaret Misek-Evans, CAO  
Recording Secretary, Ellen Preuschat

#### **Absent:**

OPP Staff Sergeant, Jamie Smith

#### **A. Call to Order**

CAO Margaret Misek-Evans called the meeting to order at 4:32 pm.

#### **B. Roll Call**

#### **C. Election/Appointment of Officers**

##### **1. Appointment of Secretary and Recording Secretary**

###### **Motion: PSB - 1/21**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti  
Seconded by Member Marc Gomes

**That** the appointment of Margaret Misek-Evans as Secretary and Ellen Preuschat as Recording Secretary for the Tecumseh Police Services Board **be reconfirmed** for the period of February 11, 2021 to the date of the first meeting of the board in 2022.

Carried

**2. Election of Chair**

Secretary Margaret Misek-Evans called for nominations for Chair of the Tecumseh Police Services Board for the year 2021 and up to the first meeting of the board in 2022. Mayor Gary McNamara nominated Christopher Hales, seconded by Marc Gomes. Following second and third calls for nominations, no further nominations were received. The Secretary asked Mr. Hales if he wishes to stand and he accepted.

**Motion: PSB - 2/21**

Moved by Mayor Gary McNamara

Seconded by Member Marc Gomes

**That** Christopher Hales **be appointed** as Chair of the Police Services Board for the Town of Tecumseh for the period of February 11, 2021 to the date of the first meeting of the board in 2022.

Carried

**3. Election of Vice Chair**

Chair Hales called for nominations for Vice Chair of the Tecumseh Police Services Board for the year 2021 and up to the first meeting of the board in 2022. 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 he accepted.

**Motion: PSB - 3/21**

Moved by Member Marc Gomes

Seconded by Mayor Gary McNamara

**That** Paul Sweet **be appointed** as Vice Chair of the Police Services Board for the Town of Tecumseh for the period of February 11, 2021 to the date of the first meeting of the board in 2022.

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 - 4/21**

**That** the Agenda for the Police Services Board Meeting, dated Thursday, February 11, 2021, as duplicated and delivered to the members thereof, **be accepted**.

Carried

**F. Approval of the Previous Minutes**

**1. Police Services Board Regular Meeting - December 10, 2020**

**Motion: PSB - 5/21**

Moved by Mayor Gary McNamara

Seconded by Member Marc Gomes

**That** the Regular Minutes of the December 10, 2020 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 November and December 2020, and noted the following:

- The OPP appreciates the significant contribution of Town employees in enforcement of provincial statutes as they relate to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Today is a national day of action against lockdowns. Most area businesses and residents are abiding by provincial orders.
- COVID-19 vaccine distribution has started in Ontario and locally. The OPP are involved to ensure the vaccines all arrive safely at their destination.
- There were 84 reported cases of cyber crime over the past year. Residents are urged to remain vigilant in practicing internet safety.
- High rates of opioid overdoses continue to occur. Citizens are encouraged to call 911 immediately under the Good Samaritan Act in such a situation.
- All traffic complaints from residents are being logged in the system for more effective follow up.
- The Mental Health Response Unit is responding to high levels of calls as the pandemic progresses.
- Action by Tecumseh brought the issue of high rates of 911 misdials to provincial attention, resulting in a different system to deal with them. The new approach will result in cost savings as well as ensuring officers are available to deal with issues in the community.

Chair Hales inquired if the Essex County OPP have been in discussions with the Caldwell First Nation, in light of the requirement for detachment boards under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019. Inspector Miller confirmed that discussions have been taking place and Caldwell FN is interested in contracting

the OPP for police services. He suggested inviting them to a future meeting to engage in discussion on police governance matters. In response to an inquiry, CAO Marg Misk-Evans further confirmed that Caldwell FN has also been contacted in relation to the development of the regional Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

Mayor McNamara reported that the Panel Discussion on Governing New OPP Detachment Boards was well attended at the 2021 Rural Ontario Municipalities' Association Conference in January. He requested that his panel speaking notes be circulated to the members of the board and Essex County Inspector.

1. **OPP Police Services Board Monthly Overview - November & December 2020**
2. **OPP Report to Tecumseh PSB - November & December 2020**

**Motion: PSB - 6/21**

Moved by Mayor Gary McNamara

Seconded by Vice-Chair Paul Sweet

**That** the OPP Report for the months of November and December 2020, **be received.**

Carried

**I. Reports**

1. **PWES-2021-01 Traffic Analysis – 2020 Radar Speed Surveys**

Re: Report to Council - January 26, 2021 RCM

In response to an inquiry from Vice Chair Sweet, the CAO noted that both the flashing sign and 'black cat' boxes (pole mounted and not readily visible) were used to gather the traffic data contained in this report. There was no significant difference in the results gathered by the two types of speed monitoring device.

**Motion: PSB - 7/21**

Moved by Member Marc Gomes

Seconded by Vice-Chair Paul Sweet

**That** Report PWES 2021-01 Traffic Analysis – 2020 Radar Speed Surveys **be received.**

Carried

**J. Communications - Action Required**

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

**K. Communications - For Information Purposes****1. Chair Christopher Hales Letter to OAPSB dated December 17, 2020**

Re: Format of OAPSB 2021 Spring Conference and Annual General Meeting

Chair Hales reported that shortly after this correspondence was sent the OAPSB confirmed that the 2021 Spring Conference and AGM will take place in virtual format.

**2. Solicitor General dated December 24, 2020**

Re: New Deadline for Municipalities to Adopt Community Safety and Well-Being Plan

**3. Ministry of the Solicitor General dated January 29, 2021**

Re: All Chiefs Memo 21-0012 - Ministry Organizational Changes Regarding Municipal Policing Services Advisors

Chair Hales noted that there was a change in the Zone 6 police services advisor last year. The Recording Secretary will circulate the contact information for the new advisor, David Tilley. Chair Hales proposed that he be invited to address the board. Vice Chair Paul Sweet added that it would be helpful to have Mr. Tilley explain the new Ministry organizational structure related to Police Services Advisors and what the board can expect in terms of advisory services going forward.

**Motion: PSB - 8/21**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

Seconded by Mayor Gary McNamara

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

Carried

**L. Old Business****1. OPP Contract Renewal**

Re: CAO Update

CAO Margaret Misk-Evans confirmed that the Agreement with the Solicitor General for the OPP to provide policing services to the Town has been approved by Council for the term January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023. The document has been signed and returned to the Ministry for processing.

**2. Community Safety and Well-Being Plan & Public Consultations**

Re: CAO Update on CAO-2021-04 Report to Council on February 9, 2021

CAO Marg Misek-Evans explained that the original deadline for municipalities to prepare and adopt a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan was January 1, 2021. As a result of the pandemic, in April 2020, the deadline was extended to an undetermined date. The new deadline of July 1, 2021 was recently announced by the province; however, as the planning process for the regional plan was based on an anticipated deadline of January 1, 2022, it has been decided that an interim report will be submitted to the Ministry by July 1 and the final plan adopted by January 2022. It is very likely that other municipalities in Ontario will take the same approach.

The next step in the regional process is public consultations. Town Hall meetings have been scheduled for all municipalities (Saturday, February 27 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. for Tecumseh), and a public survey launched. In depth consultations with Councils and PSBs are being planned and will be held in April and May. Mayor McNamara noted that the planning process has been very comprehensive and complex to date, involving over 100 area groups and organizations, many of which have also been very occupied with addressing pandemic related issues in the community.

**Motion: PSB - 9/21**

Moved by Member Marc Gomes

Seconded by Vice-Chair Paul Sweet

**That** report CAO-2021-04 titled "Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Update and Forthcoming Public Consultation Opportunities" and the associated verbal update by the Chief Administrative Officer **be received**.

Carried

**M. New Business**

**1. Annual Performance Review - OPP Inspector**

Chair Hales explained that, as a result of disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, the 2019 Performance Review for the Inspector was not finalized and submitted. He will work with the Recording Secretary and members to complete and submit the 2020 Annual Performance Review, as required by the Police Services Act.

**2. Other New Business**

**a. Caldwell First Nation**

Chair Hales requested Inspector Glenn Miller provide contact information for the Band Council Leader of Caldwell First Nation for the purpose of inviting their participation in a future board meeting. Inspector Miller committed to doing so.

**N. Next Meeting**

Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 4:30 pm

**O. Adjournment**

**Motion: PSB - 10/21**

Moved by Vice-Chair Paul Sweet

Seconded by Mayor Gary McNamara

**That** there being no further business to discuss, the Thursday, February 11, 2021 meeting of the Tecumseh Police Services Board **adjourn** at 5:46 pm.

Carried

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Christopher Hales, Chair

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Margaret Misek-Evans, Secretary