

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

### **Minutes**

Date: Thursday, April 8, 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  
Chair, Christopher Hales  
Vice-Chair, Paul Sweet

#### **Also Present:**

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

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

Chair Christopher Hales called the meeting to order at 4:34 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 - 11/21**

Moved by Member Marc Gomes  
Seconded by Vice-Chair Paul Sweet

**That** the Agenda for the Police Services Board Meeting, dated Thursday, April 8, 2021, as duplicated and delivered to the members thereof, **be accepted**.

Carried

#### **E. Approval of the Previous Minutes**

##### **1. Police Services Board Regular Meeting - February 11, 2021**

**Motion: PSB - 12/21**

Moved by Mayor Gary McNamara

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

**That** the Regular Minutes of the February 11, 2021 Police Services Board Meeting, as duplicated and delivered to the members thereof, **be adopted.**

Carried

**F. Delegations**

**1. David Tilley, Police Services Advisor - Zone 6, Inspectorate of Policing, Ministry of the Solicitor General**

Re: Ministry Updates and Status of *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*

David Tilley, Zone 6 Police Services Advisor, introduced himself to members of the board and provided an update on the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA). He explained that there are over fifty matters to be addressed through Regulations to bring the CSPA into force, with early 2022 as the planned time frame for full implementation. The Ministry's engagement tables on Regulations were suspended early in the COVID-19 pandemic, but resumed in virtual format in October 2020. It is expected that a staged approach will be used for the review, comment and release of the numerous Regulations.

Mr. Tilley also explained that Police Services Advisors were moved as a unit into the Inspectorate of Policing, but continue to operate under the authority of the *Police Services Act* until the CSPA is in force. He anticipates that the new legislation will support a strengthening of advisory roles in relation to police services board governance.

Chair Hales thanked Mr. Tilley for his presentation, and Mayor McNamara noted that the information on the timing of the Regulation process will be helpful for the board moving forward, particularly in relation to the development of OPP Detachment Boards.

**Motion: PSB - 13/21**

Moved by Vice-Chair Paul Sweet

Seconded by Member Marc Gomes

**That** the update report provided by David Tilley, Zone 6 Police Services Advisor, Inspectorate of Policing, Ministry of the Solicitor General, **be received.**

Carried

**G. OPP Monthly Report**

Staff Sgt. Jamie Smith provided a summary of the OPP Report for the months of January and February 2021. In addition, Inspector Glenn Miller reported that:

- The Essex County OPP led West Region in seatbelt charges over the Easter weekend.
- The detachment is very busy dealing with provincial orders related to the ongoing pandemic, most recently the April 7 Stay at Home order. The OPP takes an educational approach but will conduct enforcement where necessary.
- The Windsor Essex Child/Youth Advocacy Centre, of which Inspector Miller is a board member, has assisted 933 clients since its establishment in 2018, using a victim centred approach.

Vice Chair Paul Sweet noted that video footage appeared to play an important role in a number of cases reported locally. Discussion followed on the potential to set up a local video registry, with consensus that this would be a good tool for the community. Other municipalities could provide information on 'best practices'. Staff Sgt. Smith confirmed that the OPP's records management system could accommodate such a registry, although regular maintenance would be required. Privacy issues would also need to be taken into consideration.

1. **OPP Police Services Board Monthly Overview - January & February 2021**
2. **OPP Report to Tecumseh PSB - January & February 2021**

**Motion: PSB - 14/21**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

Seconded by Mayor Gary McNamara

**That** the OPP Report for the months of January and February 2021, **be received.**

Carried

**H. Reports**

1. **Chair Christopher Hales**

Re: OAPSB Zone 6 Meeting - March 24, 2021

**Motion: PSB - 15/21**

Moved by Vice-Chair Paul Sweet

Seconded by Member Marc Gomes

**That** the Chair's report on the OAPSB Zone 6 meeting held on March 24, 2021 in virtual format **be received.**

Carried

**I. Communications - Action Required**

**1. Ontario Association of Police Services Boards dated March 1, 2021**

Re: Sponsorship Opportunities for 2021 OAPSB Spring Conference and AGM

**Motion: PSB - 16/21**

Moved by Mayor Gary McNamara

Seconded by Member Marc Gomes

**That** sponsorship of the 2021 OAPSB Spring Conference and AGM taking place May 26-28, 2021 in virtual format, **be approved** in the amount of \$300, in accordance with the 2021 budget.

Carried

**J. Communications - For Information Purposes**

**1. Ministry of the Solicitor General dated February 26, 2021**

Re: All Chiefs Memo 21-0023 re Phase 1 COVID-19 Vaccinations for Front Line Police Officers

**2. Ministry of the Solicitor General dated March 11, 2021**

Re: All Chiefs Memo 21-0030 re New COVID Border Testing Orders under the *Quarantine Act*

**3. Ministry of the Solicitor General dated March 12, 2021**

Re: All Chiefs Memo 21-0034 re 2021 COVID-19 Relief Funding for Municipalities

**Motion: PSB - 17/21**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

Seconded by Vice-Chair Paul Sweet

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

Carried

**K. Old Business**

**1. Solicitor General dated March 17, 2021**

Re: OPP Detachment Boards

David Tilley, Zone 6 Police Services Advisor, joined the board for this section of the meeting.

Chair Hales outlined a proposed response to the Solicitor General's correspondence, whereby the board would submit the Foresight Management Consulting report dated January 23, 2020 entitled "OPP Detachment Board Report" as the board's submission. This report resulted from a joint meeting of the Essex County boards held on December 18, 2019, and contains detailed recommendations arising from that meeting. He noted that the Solicitor General's timeline for a response by June 7, 2021 is very tight.

Mr. Tilley reported that the Ministry is asking for approval from all municipalities policed by the detachment, not just those with current contracts (i.e. Pelee Island). In addition, the Ministry is seeking formal approval of the submission by all municipal Councils affected, not just Police Services Boards.

Members agreed that reaching out to the Essex County municipalities and Pelee Island would be the best approach, first to indicate our reaffirmation of the recommendations contained in the Foresight report, and second to request their consideration of a similar approach. Secretary Margaret Misek-Evans noted that Administration would coordinate the required outreach.

**Motion: PSB - 18/21**

Moved by Mayor Gary McNamara

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

**That** the Tecumseh Police Services Board **re-affirms** its support for the recommendations contained in the "OPP Detachment Board Report" by Foresight Management Consulting dated January 23, 2020, as the Essex County submission to the Solicitor General regarding the composition of an OPP Detachment Board;

**And that** this motion **be provided** by the Chair to the Essex County Section 10 Police Services Boards and Pelee Island for their consideration of approval as the Essex County submission to the Solicitor General.

Carried

**L. New Business**

**1. Other New Business**

**a. New Commander - OPP West Region**

Inspector Miller reported that, following Chief Superintendent John Cain's retirement from the OPP, the position of Commander, West Region has been filled by Chief Superintendent Dwight Thib, who has spent his career in northern Ontario. The board members look forward to meeting CS Thib at a future meeting.

**Motion: PSB - 19/21**

Moved by Mayor Gary McNamara

Seconded by Member Marc Gomes

**That** a letter of congratulations be **sent** from the Tecumseh Police Services Board to the recently appointed Commander of OPP West Region, Chief Superintendent Dwight Thib.

Carried

**M. Next Meeting**

Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

**N. Adjournment**

**Motion: PSB - 20/21**

Moved by Member Marc Gomes

Seconded by Mayor Gary McNamara

**That** there being no further business to discuss, the Thursday, April 8, 2021 meeting of the Tecumseh Police Services Board **adjourn** at 5:50 pm.

Carried

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Christopher Hales, Chair

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Margaret Misek-Evans, Secretary