

Police Services Board for the Town of Tecumseh

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, October 6, 2021
Time: 4:00 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

Absent:

Vice-Chair, Paul Sweet

Also Present:

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

Absent:

OPP Staff Sergeant, Jamie Smith
OPP Sergeant Byron Hornick

Others:

OPP Provincial Constable Blake Cohoe
Hotel-Dieu Grace Healthcare, Stephanie Bula

A. Call to Order

Chair Christopher Hales called the meeting to order at 4:02 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 - 36/21

Moved by Mayor Gary McNamara

Seconded by Member Marc Gomes

That the Agenda for the Special Police Services Board Meeting, dated Wednesday, October 6, 2021, as duplicated and delivered to the members thereof, **be accepted**.

Carried

E. New Business

1. Essex County OPP Application for Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) Enhancement Grant for 2021-22 to 2022-23

Essex County Constable Blake Cohoe explained that in addition to its Mental Health Response Unit the Essex County OPP has two teams - the Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) and Youth Crisis Response Team (YCRT) - that became operational in April 2019 as the result of a grant from the Ministry of the Solicitor General (SolGen). Each team consists of a uniformed officer and social worker who respond to calls for service related to mental health and addictions. These teams will continue to be operational after the initial grant funding ends in March 2022.

The Essex County OPP is seeking the board's support for a new application for a Mobile Crisis Response Team Enhancement Grant in the form of a board motion and chair's signature on the application. This funding would pay for the salary, training and equipment for one part time crisis worker to be available to the MCRT seven days a week. (SolGen funding cannot be used for police expenses.)

The Town of Kingsville has offered to continue administration of the grant, as they have for the initial round of funding.

PC Cohoe noted that the MCRT has successfully diverted 65% of calls received away from hospital emergency rooms and/or the criminal justice system. The addition of a part time crisis worker will further support the team's efforts to provide effective mental health assistance to the community.

Motion: PSB - 37/21

Moved by Mayor Gary McNamara

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

That the Police Services Board for the Town of Tecumseh **support** the application by the Essex County OPP to the Ministry of the Solicitor General for a Mobile Crisis Response Team Enhancement Grant for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 grant cycle;

And that the members thereof **be authorized** to sign the same grant proposal.

Carried

F. Next Meeting

Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

G. Adjournment

Motion: PSB - 38/21

Moved by Mayor Gary McNamara

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

That there being no further business to discuss, the Wednesday, October 6, 2021 special meeting of the Tecumseh Police Services Board **adjourn** at 4:12 pm.

Carried

Christopher Hales, Chair

Margaret Misek-Evans, Secretary