

Police Services Board for the Town of Tecumseh

Minutes

Date: Friday, December 17, 2021
Time: 3:00 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
Vice-Chair, Paul Sweet

Also Present:

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

Others:

OPP Constable, Blake Cohoe

A. Call to Order

Chair Christopher Hales called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. He thanked all participants for their ongoing support during another challenging year of the COVID-19 pandemic, and wished everyone a happy holiday.

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 - 49/21

Moved by Mayor Gary McNamara
Seconded by Member Marc Gomes

That the Agenda for the Police Services Board Meeting, dated Friday, December 17, 2021, as duplicated and delivered to the members thereof, **be accepted**.

Carried

E. Approval of the Previous Minutes

- 1. Police Services Board Regular Meeting - October 14, 2021**
- 2. Police Services Board Special Meeting - November 30, 2021**

Motion: PSB - 50/21

Moved by Member Marc Gomes

Seconded by Mayor Gary McNamara

That the Regular Minutes of the October 14, 2021 Police Services Board Meeting and Special Minutes of the November 30, 2021 Police Services Board Meeting, as duplicated and delivered to the members thereof, **be adopted.**

Carried

F. Delegations

There were no delegations presented to the Board.

G. OPP Monthly Report

- 1. OPP Police Services Board Monthly Overview - October and November 2021**
- 2. OPP Report to Tecumseh PSB - October and November 2021**

Staff Sergeant Jamie Smith provided a summary of the OPP Report for the months of October and November 2021.

Chair Hales inquired why the number of traffic stops was down. Staff Sgt. Smith responded that he is following up with officers to determine the cause. The OPP is transitioning to an e-ticketing system that captures every incident (including warnings), but the transition is not complete.

CAO Misek-Evans inquired why the number of false alarm calls was up. Staff Sgt. Smith explained that there have been a number of high wind events which may have contributed to this trend.

Mayor McNamara referred to the Auditor General's report entitled "Value-for-Money Audit: Ontario Provincial Police" released earlier in December and inquired how personnel shortages may be impacting the number of POA charges locally. Inspector Miller responded that some detachments are indeed short of personnel, with the issue being addressed at the Commissioner's level. He emphasized that all 911 calls in Essex County are answered immediately, and local detachment vacancies are gradually being filled.

Motion: PSB - 51/21

Moved by Mayor Gary McNamara
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

That the OPP Report for the months of October and November 2021 **be received.**

Carried

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. OAPSB dated October 21, 2021

Re: Letter to Hon. Michael Tibollo re Mental Health Service Calls

2. OAPSB dated October 22, 2021

Re: Letter to Solicitor General re Provincial Grants and *Community Safety and Policing Act*

3. 21-0108 All Chiefs Memo dated October 25, 2021

Re: Plan to Safely Reopen Ontario and Manage COVID-19 for the Long-term

4. 21-0116 All Chiefs Memo dated November 8, 2021

Re: Booster Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine

5. 21-0117 All Chiefs Memo dated November 18, 2021

Re: COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Security

Motion: PSB - 52/21

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

That correspondence detailed as Items 1-5, Communications for Information, **be received.**

Carried

K. Old Business

1. Call for Applications - 2022-23 - 2024-25 Community Safety and Policing Grant

Motion: PSB - 53/21

Moved by Vice-Chair Paul Sweet
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

That the Police Services Board for the Town of Tecumseh **support** in principal the draft application by the Essex County OPP to the Ministry of the Solicitor General for the Local Priorities Stream of the Community Safety and Policing Grant for 2022-23 - 2024-25 for the continuation of the Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team and Youth Crisis Response Team.

Carried

L. New Business

1. Mental Health Act - Definition of Apprehension

Vice Chair Paul Sweet reported that some larger police services have been requesting their boards to support a change in the definition of apprehension under the Mental Health Act. Under the current legislation, this power only rests with the police, resulting in significant pressure on police personnel.

Mayor McNamara noted that, in his role as Warden of Essex County with responsibility for the EMS, it has become very evident that the mental health/opioid crises are interrelated and escalating, with frontline staff other than police very limited in the actions they can take. There are concerns for the safety of the first responders.

Chair Hales thanked the Vice Chair for raising this issue and indicated the board will watch for any resolutions circulated on this matter in order to give them due consideration for support.

2. 2022 Meeting Schedule

The Recording Secretary will redistribute the 2022 meeting schedule confirming April 14, not April 7 as shown in the attachment, as the correct meeting date.

Motion: PSB - 54/21

Moved by Mayor Gary McNamara
Seconded by Member Marc Gomes

That the Police Services Board **approve** the following meeting dates in 2022: February 10, April 14, June 9, September 8, October 13, and December 8.

Carried

3. Other New Business

There was no other new business raised.

M. Next Meeting

February 10, 2022 at 4:30 pm.

N. Adjournment

Motion: PSB - 55/21

Moved by Member Marc Gomes

Seconded by Vice-Chair Paul Sweet

That there being no further business to discuss, the Friday, December 17, 2021 meeting of the Tecumseh Police Services Board **adjourn** at 3:36 pm.

Carried

Christopher Hales, Chair

Margaret Misek-Evans, Secretary