

Police Services Board for the Town of Tecumseh

Minutes

Date: Thursday, April 14, 2022
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 Staff Sergeant, Jamie Smith
Secretary, Margaret Misek-Evans, CAO
Recording Secretary, Ellen Preuschat

Absent:

OPP Inspector, Glenn Miller
OPP Sergeant Byron Hornick

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 - 10/22

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

That the Agenda for the Police Services Board Meeting, dated Thursday, April 14, 2022, as duplicated and delivered to the members thereof, **be accepted**.

Carried

E. Approval of the Previous Minutes

1. Police Services Board Regular Meeting - February 10, 2022

Motion: PSB - 11/22

Moved by Mayor Gary McNamara

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

That the Regular Minutes of the February 10, 2022 Police Services Board Meeting, as duplicated and delivered to the members thereof, **be adopted.**

Carried

F. Delegations

The Chair noted that the presentation on Crime Stoppers by Essex County OPP Constable Sarah Werstein, deferred from the February 10, 2022 meeting, will take place at the next regularly scheduled board meeting on June 9, 2022.

G. OPP Monthly Report

1. OPP Police Services Board Monthly Overview - January - March 2022

2. OPP Report to Tecumseh PSB - January - March 2022

Staff Sgt. Jamie Smith provided an overview of the OPP Report for the months of January to March 2022. He indicated that he will follow up on the accuracy of the traffic enforcement data, as there could be issues with the new e-ticket system.

Mayor McNamara noted the 24% drop in POA charges for March compared to last year. He indicated that the recent home invasion in Tecumseh was of particular concern and asked if it was random or targeted? Sgt. Smith indicated this incident was targeted.

Member Marc Gomes asked about the increase in false alarms (41% increase over same period in 2021). Staff Sgt. Smith reported that many of the incidents are in the industrial areas, and some could be triggered by wind events. Chair Hales requested that Sgt. Smith report back to the board with more details to explain the increase. Mayor McNamara suggested that an educational/social media campaign may be needed as each incident generates a call for service and has to be investigated, thereby using police resources.

Motion: PSB - 12/22

Moved by Mayor Gary McNamara
Seconded by Vice-Chair Paul Sweet

That the OPP Report for the months of January and March 2022, **be received.**

Carried

H. Reports

1. Chair Christopher Hales dated March 21, 2022

Re: OAPSB Zone 6 Meeting - March 21, 2022

Motion: PSB - 13/22

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

That the Chair's report on the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards Zone 6 meeting, held in virtual format on March 21, 2022, **be received.**

Carried

I. Communications - Action Required

There were no Communications – Action Required presented to the board.

J. Communications - For Information Purposes

1. Chair Christopher Hales dated February 17, 2022

Re: Letter to Public Appointments Secretariat

2. Solicitor General dated March 24, 2022

Re: Letter of Reappointment - Paul Sweet

3. Solicitor General dated March 24, 2022

Re: Letter of Reappointment - Marc Gomes

4. Ministry of the Solicitor General dated April 1, 2022

Re: All Chiefs Memo 22-0032 Expiry of O.Reg. 8/21 - Enforcement of COVID-19 Measures

Motion: PSB - 14/22

Moved by Mayor Gary McNamara
Seconded by Member Marc Gomes

That Communications - For Information 1 through 4 as listed on the Thursday, April 14, 2022 Police Services Board Agenda, **be received**.

Carried

K. Old Business

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

Re: Essex County OPP Update

Staff Sgt. Smith reported that the recent application for a three-year Community Safety and Policing Grant in support of the Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team (MCRRT), Mental Health Response Unit (MHRU) and Youth Crisis Rapid Response (YCRT) was successful for the full amount requested. CAO Margaret Misek-Evans indicated that the Town is completing the necessary paperwork and that the Town of Kingsville will once again be administering the grant funding on behalf of the participating Essex County boards.

2. LAS Automated Speed Enforcement

Re: CAO Update

CAO Margaret Misek-Evans reported that Town Administration is investigating this technology as a potential tool. LAS currently has one municipal pilot project underway, with plans to support additional projects (likely in the fall). The program will offer six month, one year and two year contracts, with a range of camera and ticketing processing costs. The CAO noted that any revenue garnered from tickets would go through the POA court system, which is very backed up at this time. Administration has raised the possibility of an automated municipal payment system as an alternative for collection of fines, but this is still in deliberation. LAS is preparing a FAQ document and the CAO will share it with the board when available. She noted that Tecumseh is the only municipality that has expressed an interest in this grant program in Essex County. Sharing the program with a neighboring municipality would help reduce administrative costs for ticket processing.

Chair Hales inquired if signage at the Town's boundaries would be required if participating in the program. CAO Misek-Evans confirmed that there must be notification to residents, and the speed enforcement can only take place in school zones or community safety zones.

L. New Business

1. Other New Business

Re: Community Safety Officer

Deputy Mayor Bachetti inquired about the status of Community Safety Officers in the county. He explained that, in his role as a school principal, he has received requests from parents for a CSO to speak to students. Staff Sgt. Smith responded that when the COVID-19 pandemic hit, CSOs were redirected to other duties. Currently, one officer has been designated for attendance at public events, but not specifically for school programs. The request for the latter must originate with the school boards, which are currently reviewing their approach to having CSOs in the schools. Staff Sgt. Smith will provide Deputy Mayor Bachetti with the contact information of the current CSO who may be able to assist in certain cases.

M. Next Meeting

Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

N. Adjournment

Motion: PSB - 15/22

Moved by Member Marc Gomes

Seconded by Vice-Chair Paul Sweet

That there being no further business to discuss, the Thursday, April 14, 2022 meeting of the Tecumseh Police Services Board **adjourn** at 5:14 pm.

Carried

Christopher Hales, Chair

Margaret Misek-Evans, Secretary