

Minutes of a Meeting of the Police Services Board for the Town of Tecumseh

The Police Services Board of the Town of Tecumseh convened in regular session on Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. at the Tecumseh Town Hall, 917 Lesperance Road, Tecumseh, Ontario.

1. Order

Chair Christopher Hales called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present:	Chair	Christopher Hales
	Member	Mayor Gary McNamara
	Member	Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti
	Member	Fred Stibbard

Also Present	OPP	Inspector Glenn Miller
	OPP	Constable Matt Lupton
	OPP	Constable Karen Sinnaeve
	Secretary/Treasurer	Tony Haddad, CAO
	Recording Secretary	Ellen Preuschat

Vice Chair Eleanor Groh was absent due to employment.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There was no pecuniary interest declared by a member of the Board.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: PSB 25/18

Moved by:	Member Fred Stibbard
Seconded by:	Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

That the Agenda for the Police Services Board Meeting dated June 14, 2018, be accepted as amended, with the addition of the OPP Reports for the month of August.

Carried

5. Approval of the Previous Minutes

Motion: PSB 26/18

Moved by:	Member Fred Stibbard
Seconded by:	Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

That the Regular Minutes of the June 14, 2018 Police Services Board Meeting and the Minutes of the Joint Police Services Board Meeting of June 26, 2018, as duplicated and delivered to the members thereof, be adopted.

Carried

6. Delegations

a. Tecumseh Community Safety Officer (CSO)

Chair Christopher Hales thanked PC Karen Sinnaeve for three years of distinguished service as the Community Safety Officer with the Tecumseh OPP. He praised her leadership role in numerous initiatives such as educating the community on Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED), a

nationally recognized Distracted Driving Campaign with area high schools, drug awareness workshops, and partnership with the Tecumseh Community Policing Committee. Inspector Glenn Miller also expressed appreciation to PC Sinnaeve for her deep personal commitment to the position, which can be very demanding. Chair Hales presented PC Sinnaeve with a gift of appreciation from the board.

Inspector Miller then introduced the new CSO, PC Matt Lupton. He has served ten years with the OPP, eight in Tecumseh, with previous experience as a member of the Canadian armed forces. Mayor McNamara and the members welcomed PC Lupton and look forward to working together in the future.

7. **OPP Monthly Report**

Inspector Miller provided an overview of the OPP monthly reports. He reported that the provincial OPP Street Crimes Unit has been active in the community due to the recent spike in property crimes. A significant investigation is underway, including DNA analysis, and a number of suspects have been identified. He emphasized that the OPP welcomes public input and responds to every call for service, though calls must be prioritized. PC Sinnaeve added that the region's police forces have been working cooperatively to address the recent property crime incidents.

Mayor McNamara added that residents need to be educated and also have a responsibility to act in a manner that supports crime prevention. He suggested enhanced use of the Town's social media channels for increased public awareness. PC Sinnaeve added that the Town's notification system may also be a useful tool in public education.

Motion: PSB 27/18

Moved by: Mayor Gary McNamara
Seconded by: Member Fred Stibbard.

That the OPP Report for the months of June to August 2018 be received.
Carried

8. **Reports**

None.

9. **Communications – Action Required**

None.

10. **Communications – For Information**

- a. Letter from Tony Loparco, DIU Director, Special Investigations Unit – dated July 25, 2018
Re: SIU 2017 Annual Report
- b. Letter from CAO Tony Haddad to Public Appointments Secretariat – dated August 1, 2018
Re: Expiry of Provincial Appointment Term for Christopher Hales to Tecumseh Police Services Board
- c. Memorandum from Stephen Beckett, Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Safety Division and Public Safety Training Division, Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services – dated August 16, 2018
Re: Cannabis Legalization

Motion: PSB 28/18

Moved by: Member Fred Stibbard
Seconded by: Mayor Gary McNamara

That correspondence detailed as Items 10 a-c Communications - For Information be received.

Carried

11. Old Business

- a. Correspondence from Linda Edwards/Martin dated July 19, 2018

CAO Tony Haddad reported that he has received input from the OPP and Public Works on what are essentially operational issues. The CAO's office will be sending a response to this correspondence.

12. New Business

- a. CAO Update on "Implementation of Policing Reforms Halted" (AMCTO/AMO)

CAO Tony Haddad reported on recent updates received from the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) indicating that the new Ontario government has currently suspended implementation of the *Safer Ontario Act*, which is now under review. This will impact the process of board amalgamations and other changes that had been anticipated to move forward in 2019.

- b. Essex County OPP Presentation on 'Policing Tecumseh' to Town Council – September 25, 2018

CAO Tony Haddad advised the board that the Essex County Detachment Commander, Inspector Miller, has been invited to attend Council on September 25, 2018, following several concerns raised by members of Council. Inspector Miller will provide a presentation detailing how various policing matters are addressed by the OPP.

- c. Board Membership

CAO Tony Haddad noted that correspondence was sent in August to the Public Appointments Secretariat regarding the end of Chair Hales' provincial appointment and the pending board vacancy (see Communications Item 10b), however no response has been received. Chair Hales' term expires on September 28, 2018 and unless an extension is received, this will be his final board meeting.

- d. Joint Discussion Document re Amalgamation of Essex Detachment Police Services Boards

Further to discussions at the Joint Police Services Board Meeting held on June 26, 2018, the members agree that it is important for area boards to be proactive in discussing issues related to the proposed amalgamation of OPP police services boards by detachment. Chair Hales noted, however, that in light of the new Ontario government's suspension of implementing the *Safer Ontario Act*, this matter is not as urgent as it was perceived to be prior to the election.

Motion: PSB 29/18

Moved by: Member Fred Stibbard
Seconded by: Mayor Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

That the Chair of the Tecumseh Police Services Board, or the Chair's delegate, be authorized to draft a discussion document for consideration by all Essex County OPP Police Services Boards regarding the potential amalgamation of the boards pursuant to S. 67 of the *Safer Ontario Act*.

Carried

13. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Police Services Board will be held Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. (rescheduled from the original date of October 11, 2018).

14. Adjournment

Motion: PSB 30/18

Moved by: Mayor Gary McNamara
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

That there being no further business to discuss, the September 13, 2018 meeting of the Tecumseh Police Services Board adjourn at 5:38 pm.

Carried

Christopher Hales, Chair

Tony Haddad, Secretary/Treasurer