

Police Services Board for the Town of Tecumseh

Minutes

Date: Monday, April 3, 2023
Time: 4:30 pm
Location: Tecumseh Town Hall - Council Chambers
917 Lesperance Road
Tecumseh, Ontario N8N 1W9

Present:

Chair, Christopher Hales
Vice-Chair, Paul Sweet
Mayor, Gary McNamara
Councillor, Rick Tonial
Member, Marc Gomes

Also Present:

OPP Inspector Angela Ferguson
Secretary, Margaret Misek-Evans, CAO
Recording Secretary, Ellen Preuschat

Others:

OPP Superintendent Franka Campisi (West Region)
Police Services Advisor Ron LeClair, Ministry of the Solicitor General

A. Call to Order

Chair Christopher Hales called the meeting to order at 4:39 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 - 12/23

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

That the Agenda for the Police Services Board Meeting, dated Monday, April 3, 2023, as duplicated and delivered to the members thereof, **be accepted**.

Carried

E. Approval of the Previous Minutes

1. Police Services Board Regular Meeting - January 16, 2023

Motion: PSB - 13/23

Moved by Councillor Rick Tonial
Seconded by Vice-Chair Paul Sweet

That the Regular Minutes of the January 16, 2023 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 - December 2022 to February 2023

2. OPP Report to Tecumseh PSB - December 2022 to February 2023

Inspector Angela Ferguson provided a summary of the OPP Report for the months of December 2022 to February 2023. Mayor McNamara indicated he was pleased to see the increase in foot patrol hours. With respect to high numbers of false alarms, Inspector Ferguson explained that recent storms were responsible for some alarms, but the detachment will continue to monitor this data. Chair Hales inquired about bike patrols during the warmer weather, and the Inspector confirmed that the detachment bicycles are being serviced and a bike course is planned for the spring. Councillor Tonial offered to assist with the course.

Councillor Tonial inquired if false alarms are still issued fine notices. Inspector Ferguson responded that the information is passed on to the Town, and Councillor Tonial then proposed a higher fine. CAO Margaret Misk-Evans noted that these fines are evaluated annually as part of the budget process and that would be the most suitable time to re-evaluate the amount. She added that, in the 2023 budget, this revenue was split between fire and policing.

Chair Hales stated that the emphasis on traffic enforcement during these months is appreciated by the board. He then invited Supt. Campisi of West Region to address the board. Supt. Campisi advised that she is retiring in May and this would be her last meeting. Mayor McNamara thanked her for her leadership, noting the improved results around community safety and policing in the most recent Citizen Satisfaction Survey. On behalf of the board and residents he wished Supt. Campisi a good retirement.

Inspector Ferguson introduced the new Community Safety Officer, PC Lisa Whitelaw, to the board. Constable Whitelaw looks forward to increasing the visibility of the OPP in the community. With respect to school-based programs, she noted that they are currently running in the French and Catholic schools, but not in public schools as the public board is still reviewing the matter. The Chair and Mayor welcomed Constable Whitelaw to her new role.

Motion: PSB - 14/23

Moved by Mayor Gary McNamara
Seconded by Member Marc Gomes

That the OPP Report for the months of December 2022 to February 2023 **be received.**

Carried

H. Reports

1. PWES-2023-03 - Traffic Radar Speed Survey for 2022

Motion: PSB - 15/23

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

That Report PWES-2023-03 -Traffic Radar Speed Survey for 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 January 31, 2023

Re: Letter to Attorney General re Bail Reform

Chair Hales reported that members of the board, along with Town Council and Administration, recently met with Mr. Gary Anandasangaree, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Justice, to discuss reform of the federal bail system.

2. Ministry of the Solicitor General dated February 7, 2023

Re: 23-0008 All Chiefs Memo re Inspector General of Policing

Motion: PSB - 16/23

Moved by Councillor Rick Toniai
Seconded by Member Marc Gomes

That correspondence detailed as Items 1-2, Communications for Information, **be received.**

Carried

K. Old Business

There was no old business presented to the board.

L. New Business

1. Ministry of the Solicitor General - Updates

Ron LeClair, Zone 6 Police Services Advisor

Ron LeClair, Zone 6 Police Services Advisor with the Ministry of the Solicitor General, outlined his background and explained that his role is to support the board, answer questions, and act as a liaison with the province. He requested that he be sent meeting invitations and agendas, and indicated he plans to attend meetings when available.

In response to an inquiry from Chair Hales, Mr. Le Clair noted that he does not see a conflict between OAPSB plans for board training and the training provided by the Ministry, which will continue to be mandated by legislation. He encouraged board members to attend the training session hosted by the Essex PSB on April 25, 2023.

With respect to the establishment of detachment boards, Mr. LeClair noted that he has limited information but that the board likely would have been advised by now if there was an issue with the submission made to the Ministry. The Ministry's goal is to establish the boards by December 2023/January 2024. CAO Margaret Misek-Evans advised that the board's financial year is from January to December, with budget planning typically underway by September. Our board would appreciate confirmation of the detachment board structure by September so it can be planned for in the budget. Mr. LeClair committed to forwarding this request to his supervisor at the Ministry.

2. 2022 Annual Performance Review - Essex County OPP Detachment Commander

Chair Hales reminded the board of its legislated responsibility to complete an annual performance review of the OPP detachment commander. The Recording Secretary will circulate the review form for members to complete and submit to Chair Hales, who will collate the responses into one document representative of the whole board's input. It will then be

reviewed with Inspector Ferguson and, when complete, forwarded to West Region command.

3. Other New Business

a. Citizen Satisfaction Survey

CAO Margaret Misk-Evans reported that the Town completed its biennial Citizen Satisfaction Survey in March. The rating of Tecumseh as a safe place to live scored 94%. With respect to importance of services provided, policing scored 91% overall, in the top 10. Traffic continues to be raised as a priority concern. Overall, this was a much better result than in the previous survey.

b. Traffic and Safety Issues

Mayor McNamara raised the issue of speeding on County Road 22 (EC Row) and requested that a coordinated enforcement campaign with Windsor and LaSalle be considered, similar to last fall. He also suggested a spring safety tips campaign reminding residents to close garage doors and keep valuables locked away to deter property crimes.

c. OAPSB Spring Conference and AGM

The Chair confirmed that board members and the CAO will be participating in this year's OAPSB Spring Conference and Annual General Meeting, taking place in Niagara Falls from May 30 to June 1, and the board has sponsored the event as in past years.

d. OPP Golf Tournament

Constable Lisa Whitelaw announced that the annual cOPPs for Charity Golf Tournament will take place on July 12, 2023, at the Kingsville Golf and Country Club. This tournament is open to the public and tickets can be purchased at any OPP detachment.

M. Next Meeting

June 26, 2023 at 4:30 pm

N. Adjournment

Motion: PSB - 17/23

Moved by Vice-Chair Paul Sweet
Seconded by Councillor Rick Tonial

That there being no further business to discuss, the Monday, April 3, 2023 meeting of the Tecumseh Police Services Board **adjourn** at 5:40 pm.

Carried

Christopher Hales, Chair

Margaret Misek-Evans, Secretary