

## Police Services Board for the Town of Tecumseh

### Minutes

Date: Monday, June 26, 2023  
Time: 4:30 pm  
Location: Tecumseh Town Hall - Council Chambers  
917 Lesperance Road  
Tecumseh, Ontario N8N 1W9

**Present:**

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

**Absent:**

Mayor, Gary McNamara

**Also Present:**

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

**A. Call to Order**

Chair Christopher Hales called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

**B. Roll Call**

Chair Hales noted that Mayor Gary McNamara was absent due to vacation.

**C. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

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

**D. Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion: PSB - 18/23**

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

**That** the Agenda for the Police Services Board Meeting, dated Monday, June 26, 2023, as duplicated and delivered to the members thereof, **be accepted**.

Carried

**E. Approval of the Previous Minutes****F. Delegations**

There were no delegations presented to the Board.

**G. OPP Monthly Report****1. OPP Police Services Board Monthly Overview - March - May 2023****2. OPP Report to Tecumseh PSB - March - May 2023**

Staff Sgt. Jamie Smith presented the highlights of the OPP report, focusing on May 2023. He noted there has been a substantial increase in POA charges, and traffic enforcement has resulted in an average of 27 recorded vehicle stops per day.

Councillor Rick Tonial inquired about officers being available to conduct Joint Force Operation (JFO) traffic enforcement within Town streets. Staff Sgt. Smith responded that typically JFO enforcement is carried out in high volume traffic corridors, but if issues are identified, it can be carried out anywhere in Town.

Chair Hales inquired about the status of the bike patrol. Inspector Ferguson reported that training is complete and patrol teams are being assembled. Two officers would be needed for each patrol.

Chair Hales commended retiring canine Maximus and his handler on a very successful career and inquired if another dog is in training. Inspector Ferguson responded that this unit is managed at the provincial level, but the detachment can expect to see another canine purchased and trained in the future. Until then, other canine units in the province can be called upon for assistance.

Finally, Inspector Ferguson explained to the board that when the Community Safety and Policing (CSP) grant was applied for, Leamington was operating under Police Services Act S. 5.1 and did not qualify. Now that the municipality has a S. 10 board, it qualifies for a portion of the grant. The other municipalities' board chairs were requested to sign an agreement acknowledging this, and Chair Hales signed on behalf of Tecumseh's board.

**Motion: PSB - 20/23**

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

**That** the OPP Report for the months of March to May 2023, **be received.**

Carried

**H. Reports**

**I. Communications - Action Required**

There were no Communications - Action Required items presented to the board.

**J. Communications - For Information Purposes**

**1. Ministry of Justice dated May 16, 2023**

Re: Bill C-48 (Bail Reform)

**2. Chair Christopher Hales dated May 17, 2023**

Re: Letter of Condolence to Essex County OPP (Sgt. Eric Mueller)

**3. OPP Commissioner Thomas Carrique dated May 24, 2023**

Re: Thank You Letter for Condolences (Sgt. Eric Mueller)

**4. Chair Christopher Hales dated June 1, 2023**

Letter of Condolence to Essex County OPP (Det. Const. Steven Tourangeau)

**5. Ontario Association of Police Services Boards dated June 16, 2023**

Re: OAPSB Spring Conference Sponsorship

**Motion: PSB - 22/23**

Moved by Councillor Rick Tonial

Seconded by Member Marc Gomes

**That** correspondence detailed as Items J1 - J5, Communications for Information, **be received.**

Carried

**K. Old Business**

There was no old business presented to the board.

**L. New Business**

**1. Police Appreciation Service - St. Andrews Presbyterian Church (Lakeshore)**

Chair Hales reported on an initiative spearheaded by Mr. Ross Clark, senior member of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Lakeshore, to organize a 'Police Appreciation Service' as a meaningful gesture of community support in response to the recent police deaths in Canada and Ontario. Mr. Ross has spoken to Inspector Ferguson to ensure all risk management and safety considerations will be addressed. A board liaison is needed as discussions on the event move forward, and Councillor Tonial has consented to act in this capacity.

**Motion: PSB - 23/23**

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

**That** the Police Services Board for the Town of Tecumseh **endorse** the proposed "Police Appreciation Service" planned for September 2023 at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Lakeshore, ON;

**And that** Councillor Rick Tonial **be appointed** as the board liaison for this event;

**And further that** correspondence **be sent** to Tecumseh Town Council requesting endorsement of this event.

Carried

**2. Other New Business**

**a. OPP Educational Programming in Schools**

Chair Hales noted that at the OAPSB Zone meeting on May 26, 2023, there was discussion of PSBs requesting school boards to allow police access to schools for educational programming purposes. Inspector Ferguson explained that locally the OPP is still active in the Catholic school system, but in 2022 the Public school board conducted a review and decided to halt police programming in its schools (while all emergency protocols remain in place). Currently, the OPP is conducting its own review of interactions with youth in the community, through the University of Waterloo. Inspector Ferguson emphasized that all interactions with schools and school boards remain positive, officers continue to serve on committees and to look for resources to assist youth in the community.

**M. Next Meeting**

Monday, October 2, 2023 at 4:30 pm

**N. Adjournment**

**Motion: PSB - 24/23**

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

**That** there being no further business to discuss, the Monday, June 26, 2023 meeting of the Tecumseh Police Services Board **adjourn** at 5:12 pm.

Carried

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Christopher Hales, Chair

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Margaret Misek-Evans, Secretary