

## Police Services Board for the Town of Tecumseh

### Minutes

Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024  
Time: 4:30 pm  
Location: Tecumseh Town Hall - Council Chambers  
917 Lesperance Road  
Tecumseh, Ontario N8N 1W9

#### Present:

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

#### Also Present:

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

#### **A. Call to Order**

Secretary Margaret Misek-Evans 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. Election/Appointment of Officers**

##### **1. Appointment of Secretary and Recording Secretary**

Prior to the annual election of a Chair and appointment of officers, as required under the *Police Services Act*, Secretary Margaret Misek-Evans explained that the terms of Secretary, Recording Secretary, Chair and Vice Chair will end on March 31, 2024, the last day the Tecumseh Police Service Board will operate. On April 1, the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* comes into force, establishing the new detachment board for Essex County.

**Motion: PSB - 01/24**

Moved by Chair Christopher Hales  
Seconded by Mayor Gary McNamara

**That** the appointment of Margaret Misk-Evans as Secretary and Ellen Preuschat as Recording Secretary for the Tecumseh Police Services Board **be reconfirmed** for the period of February 15, 2024 to March 31, 2024.

Carried

**2. Election of Chair**

Secretary Margaret Misk-Evans called for nominations for Chair of the Tecumseh Police Services Board for the period of February 15, 2024 to March 31, 2024. Mayor Gary McNamara nominated Christopher Hales, seconded by Marc Gomes. Following second and third calls for nominations, no further nominations were received. The Secretary asked Mr. Hales if he wishes to stand and he accepted.

**Motion: PSB - 02/24**

Moved by Mayor Gary McNamara  
Seconded by Member Marc Gomes

**That** Christopher Hales **be appointed** as Chair of the Tecumseh Police Services Board for the period of February 15, 2024 to March 31, 2024.

Carried

**3. Election of Vice Chair**

Chair Hales called for nominations for Vice Chair of the Tecumseh Police Services Board for the period of February 15, 2024 to March 31, 2024. Marc Gomes nominated Paul Sweet, seconded by Mayor Gary McNamara. Following second and third calls for nominations, no further nominations were received. The Chair asked Mr. Sweet if he wishes to stand and he accepted.

**Motion: PSB - 03/24**

Moved by Member Marc Gomes  
Seconded by Mayor Gary McNamara

**That** Paul Sweet **be appointed** as Vice Chair of the Police Services Board for the Town of Tecumseh for the period of February 15, 2024 to March 31, 2024.

Carried

**E. Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion: PSB - 04/24**

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

**That** the Agenda for the Police Services Board Meeting, dated Thursday, February 15, 2024, as duplicated and delivered to the members thereof, **be accepted.**

Carried

**F. Approval of the Previous Minutes**

**1. Police Services Board Regular Meeting - December 4, 2023**

**Motion: PSB - 05/24**

Moved by Councillor Rick Tonial  
Seconded by Mayor Gary McNamara

**That** the Regular Minutes of the December 4, 2023 Police Services Board Meeting, as duplicated and delivered to the members thereof, **be adopted.**

Carried

**G. Delegations**

There were no delegations presented to the Board.

**H. OPP Monthly Report**

**1. OPP Police Services Board Monthly Overview - November and December 2023**

**2. OPP Report to Tecumseh PSB - November and December 2023**

Inspector Angela Ferguson provided an overview of the OPP reports for November and December 2023.

Vice Chair Sweet expressed appreciation for the OPP's December campaign against shoplifting. Councillor Tonial also thanked the OPP for ongoing efforts to work with the Town's Public Works & Engineering Services Department to identify where speeding problems exist within the Town.

The high number false alarms calls was noted, with the OPP confirming that two officers must attend the call if not cancelled by key holder or if police are not advised prior to response. Staff Sgt. Smith indicated that keeping keyholder lists up to date would assist. Mayor McNamara

encouraged Administration to look at steps that could be taken by the Town to lower the number of false alarm calls.

**Motion: PSB - 06/24**

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

**That** the OPP Report for the months of November and December 2023 **be received.**

Carried

**I. Reports**

**1. PWES-2024-04 Traffic Radar Speed Survey for 2023**

**Motion: PSB - 07/24**

Moved by Mayor Gary McNamara  
Seconded by Councillor Rick Tonial

**That** Report PWES-2024-23 entitled "Traffic Radar Speed Survey for 2023" **be received.**

Carried

**J. Communications - Action Required**

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

**K. Communications - For Information Purposes**

**1. Municipal Policing Bureau dated January 30, 2024**

Re: OPP Contract and Billing under CSPA, 2019

**2. Ministry of the Solicitor General dated December 18, 2023**

Re: All Chiefs Memo 23-0085 re In-force date of the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*

**Motion: PSB - 08/24**

Moved by Member Marc Gomes  
Seconded by Mayor Gary McNamara

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

Carried

**L. Old Business****1. First Responders Appreciation Service**

Chair Hales advised the board that Lakeshore St. Andrews Presbyterian Church plans to hold an annual Appreciation Service for First Responders. The first service in late 2023 was well received, and going forward the intention will be to formally invite all first responders, including firefighters, police and EMS.

**2. Essex County Detachment Board**

CAO Update

Secretary and CAO Margaret Misek-Evans provided the following update on the establishment of the detachment board, as required by the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*, which comes into force on April 1, 2024:

- Senior administration from the Town of Tecumseh, Municipality of Lakeshore and Town of Essex have held meetings to prepare for the establishment and administration of the detachment board;
- The Solicitor General invited comments on the description of the detachment board regulation, with a submission deadline of February 13, 2024. Administration brought comments forward to the February 13, 2024 Council meeting, which were approved by Council and submitted to the Solicitor General. They were largely in agreement with the description but did advocate for term limits for community representatives (two four-year terms equals eight years total), in keeping with the consensus at the joint municipal meeting held in December 2019 and described in the Foresight Report on this meeting. Such limits, Marg noted, would also support diversity on the board.
- The next report to Council on February 27, 2024 will concern appointments of Council and community representatives to the detachment board. Lakeshore and Essex will be bringing forward similar reports at about the same time. Each municipality will have one Council and one community representative, and there will be one at-large community representative on the board.
- All current provincial appointees (six among the three municipalities) will be considered for the two provincial positions on the detachment board. These appointments will likely not be made by April 1.
- Additional reports to Council will be forthcoming on administration of the detachment board, including finances, meeting location, board secretary and so on.

Chair Hales expressed concern regarding the possibility of having no continuity in appointments from previous police services boards to the new detachment board, as experience with governance will be key to the new board's effectiveness.

**M. New Business**

**1. OAPSB 2024 Spring Conference & AGM**

Re: Attendance and Sponsorship

**Motion: PSB - 09/24**

Moved by Councillor Rick Tonial

Seconded by Mayor Gary McNamara

**That** attendance at the 2024 Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB) Spring Conference and Annual General Meeting to be held June 3-5, 2024 in Blue Mountain, ON by Tecumseh's Council and Community representatives to the Essex County Detachment Board North (effective April 1, 2024) and administrative staff **be approved**, in accordance with the Town of Tecumseh Travel Policy, Professional Development Policy and 2024 PSB budget.

**And that** sponsorship of the 2024 OAPSB Spring Conference and AGM in amount of \$300 **be approved**, in accordance with the 2024 PSB budget.

Carried

**N. Next Meeting**

As Inspector Ferguson and Staff Sgt. Smith are no longer available on March 21, a revised date of Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 4:30 pm was agreed upon for the final meeting of the Tecumseh Police Services Board.

**O. Adjournment**

**Motion: PSB - 10/24**

Moved by Councillor Rick Tonial

Seconded by Member Marc Gomes

**That** there being no further business to discuss, the Thursday, February 15, 2024 meeting of the Tecumseh Police Services Board **adjourn** at 5:14 pm.

Carried

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Christopher Hales, Chair

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Margaret Misek-Evans, Secretary