

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 Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at the Tecumseh Town Hall, 917 Lesperance Road, Tecumseh, Ontario.

1. Order

Chair Christopher Hales called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present:	Chair	Christopher Hales
	Member	Mayor Gary McNamara
	Member	Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti
Also Present	OPP	Staff Sgt. Brad Sakalo
	OPP	Staff Sgt. Jamie Smith
	CAO	Margaret Misek-Evans
	Recording Secretary	Ellen Preuschat

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

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

4. Appointment of Board Secretary

Motion: PSB 12/19

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

That Margaret Misek-Evans, Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Tecumseh, be appointed as Secretary for the Tecumseh Police Services Board for the period of April 10 to December 31, 2019.

Carried

5. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: PSB 13/19

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

That the Agenda for the Police Services Board Meeting dated April 10, 2019, as duplicated and delivered to the members thereof, be accepted.

Carried

6. Approval of the Previous Minutes

Motion: PSB 14/19

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

That the Regular Minutes of the February 14, 2019 Police Services Board Meeting, as duplicated and delivered to the members thereof, be adopted.

Carried

7. Delegations

There were no delegations presented to the board.

8. OPP Monthly Report

Staff Sgt. Brad Sakalo introduced Staff Sgt. Jamie Smith as the new Operations Manager for the Towns of Tecumseh and Lakeshore.

There was discussion regarding the high number of false alarm calls in Town and the need to better educate the public on the costs associated with the police response. Suggestions were made for communications in this regard, including social media, newsletter, and/or notice included with the alarm registration form. Staff Sgt. Sakalo noted that incidents in the Oldcastle industrial area are a contributing factor.

Mayor McNamara reported that Council just approved the addition of “911 MADD” signs on Town and County roads at municipal boundary points, encouraging drivers to call 911 if they see other drivers exhibiting signs of impairment.

Motion: PSB 15/19

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

That the OPP Report for the month of February 2019 be received.

Carried

9. Reports

- a. Report by Chair Christopher Hales
Re: Report of Visit – Wellington County Police Services Board – March 13, 2019

The board considered the report’s recommendation to schedule a meeting of Essex County mayors with the Wellington County delegation at the upcoming OAPSB Spring Conference, to discuss their amalgamation experience. However, with legislative changes not confirmed at this point, the consensus was to consider the issue locally first at the next joint Essex County PSB meeting. Chair Hales will send a note to the Wellington County PSB Chair to this effect.

Motion: PSB 16/19

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

That the report by Chair Christopher Hales titled “Report of Visit – Wellington County Police Services Board – March 13, 2019” be received.

Carried

10. Communications – Action Required

- a. Letter from Mike Fenchak, Chair, Lakeshore Police Services Board – date February 1, 2019
Re: PSBs to Contribute to 2019 OAPSB Spring Conference

It was noted that “silver donation” in the letter from the Lakeshore PSB should read “platinum donation”.

Motion: PSB 17/19

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

That the Town of Tecumseh Police Services Board contribute \$1,000.00 towards sponsorship of the 2019 OAPSB Spring Conference, with the goal of achieving a platinum level sponsorship in partnership with the PSBs of Essex, Kingsville, Lakeshore and Leamington.

Carried

- b. Notice of Meeting – Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police and Ontario Association of Police Services Boards
Re: OACP/OAPSB Zone 6 Meeting – April 17, 2019, St. Thomas, ON

There are no members of the board available to attend this zone meeting. Chair Hales will email Mr. Russ Bain, the Section 10 OPP South-West representative on the OAPSB Board, to ask him to request follow up by Mr. Tom Gervais, the board's Ministry Municipal Advisor, on the status of the two current provincial vacancies.

- c. Letter from the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services (email) – dated February 25, 2019
Re: Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Process

The Recording Secretary will coordinate registration in the webinars being offered by the Ministry to introduce the Community Safety and Well-Being Planning process.

11. Communications – For Information

There were no Communications – For Information.

12. Old Business

- a. Board Membership – Status of Provincial Appointments

The board is continuing to operate with three members. Two provincial vacancies are currently posted on the Ontario Public Appointments Secretariat website.

13. New Business

- a. OAPSB Spring Conference and AGM – Attendance by Essex County OPP Inspector

Motion: PSB 18/19

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

That the Recording Secretary be authorized to contact the Police Services Boards of Essex, Kingsville, Lakeshore and Leamington to propose a cost sharing arrangement to cover the registration fee for the Essex County OPP Inspector to attend the 2019 OAPSB Spring Conference and AGM.

Carried

- b. Other New Business

A member requested an update on bike patrols (start date and areas covered), as there have been complaints regarding Lakewood Park. The OPP will provide a report at the next board meeting.

The Leamington PSB has requested board availability in June for a Joint Essex County Police Services Board Meeting (breakfast). The members indicated a preference for the last week in June, and topics of interest will be forwarded at a future date.

14. Next Meeting

A change in the scheduled meeting date was required in order to achieve quorum.

Motion: PSB 19/19

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

That the date of the next meeting of the Tecumseh Police Services Board be changed from June 13, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. to June 5, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Carried

15. Adjournment

Motion: PSB 20/2019

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

That there being no further business to discuss, the April 10, 2019 meeting of the Tecumseh Police Services Board adjourn at 4:56 p.m.

Carried

Christopher Hales, Chair

Margaret Misek-Evans, Secretary