

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

The Police Services Board of the Town of Tecumseh convened in special session on Tuesday, May 28, 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 4:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present:	Chair	Christopher Hales
	Member	Mayor Gary McNamara
	Member	Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti
	Member	Marc Gomes
	Member	Paul Sweet
Also Present	OPP	Staff Sgt. Jamie Smith
	OPP	PC Blake Cohoe
	HDGH	Stephanie Bula
	Secretary	Margaret Misek-Evans, CAO
	Recording Secretary	Ellen Preuschat

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

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

4. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: PSB 21/19

Moved by: Member Marc Gomes

Seconded by: Member Paul Sweet

That the Agenda for the Special Police Services Board Meeting dated May 28, 2019, as duplicated and delivered to the members thereof, be accepted.

Carried

5. New Business

a. Essex County OPP Application for Community Safety and Policing (CSP) Grant

Staff Sgt. Jamie Smith provided regrets from Essex County OPP Inspector Glenn Miller, who was out of town due to policing business. He also thanked the board for convening in special session to meet the tight provincial timelines for this grant program.

PC Blake Cohoe, a member of the Essex County OPP's Mental Health Response Unit, introduced Stephanie Bula of Hotel Dieu Grace Healthcare, a social worker with the Unit. PC Cohoe explained that the Ministry of the Solicitor General has introduced a new grant program – the Community Safety and Policing (CSP) Grant – and that, in order for the Essex County OPP's application to be considered it must include signatures of all board members from all five Essex County municipalities included in the joint grant application.

PC Cohoe then outlined the two proposals included in the grant application. The first is for a Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team (MCRRT) that would respond to calls for persons in a mental health/addiction crisis over the age of 16. The goals of this team would be to divert individuals from hospital emergency departments and the criminal justice system, and provide supports for early future intervention.

The second proposal is for a Youth Crisis Response Team (YCRT) that would respond to calls for youth in a mental health/addiction crisis under the age of 16. The goals are similar to the MCRRT but geared to youth and children.

PC Cohoe and Ms. Bula answered a number of general questions regarding the implementation of these programs, and explained that funding could be provided for only one of the proposals (the total for both programs applied for is \$389,000). The funds applied for would be used for dedicated officers throughout Essex County, community education and support to parents and community members.

Motion: PSB 22/19

Moved by: Mayor Gary McNamara

Seconded by: Member Paul Sweet

That the Police Services Board for the Town of Tecumseh support the application by the Essex County OPP to the Ministry of the Solicitor General for a Community Safety and Policing (CSP) Grant;

And that the members thereof be authorized to sign the same grant proposal.

Carried

6. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Police Services Board will be held Thursday, June 5, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

7. Adjournment

Motion: PSB 23/2019

Moved by: Member Paul Sweet

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

That there being no further business to discuss, the May 28, 2019 special meeting of the Tecumseh Police Services Board adjourn at 4:25 p.m.

Carried

Christopher Hales, Chair

Margaret Misek-Evans, Secretary