

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, June 5, 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 4:12 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present:	Chair	Christopher Hales
	Member	Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti
	Member	Marc Gomes
	Member	Paul Sweet
Also Present	OPP	Inspector Glenn Miller
	OPP	Staff Sgt. Jamie Smith
	Secretary	Margaret Misek-Evans, CAO
	Recording Secretary	Ellen Preuschat

Mayor Gary McNamara was absent due to municipal obligations.

Chair Hales welcomed the new provincially-appointed board members, Mr. Marc Gomes and Mr. Paul Sweet, and confirmed that they had each sworn the Oath of Office on May 14, 2019.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

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

4. Election of Vice Chair

Chair Christopher Hales called for nominations for Vice Chair of the Tecumseh Police Services Board for the remainder of 2019. Member Marc Gomes nominated Member Paul Sweet, seconded by Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti. Following second and third calls for nominations, no further nominations were received. The Chair asked Mr. Sweet if he wishes to stand and Mr. Sweet accepted.

Motion: PSB 21/19

Moved by: Member Marc Gomes
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

That Paul Sweet be appointed as Vice Chair of the Police Services Board for the Town of Tecumseh for the period of June 5, 2019 up to and including December 31, 2019.

Carried

5. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: PSB 22/19

Moved by: Vice Chair Paul Sweet
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

That the Agenda for the Police Services Board Meeting dated June 5, 2019, as duplicated and delivered to the members thereof, be accepted.

Carried

6. Approval of the Previous Minutes

Motion: PSB 23/19

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti
Seconded by: Member Marc Gomes

That the Regular Minutes of the April 10, 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

Inspector Glenn Miller provided a summary of the OPP Report for the months of March and April 2019.

Following discussion of the high incidence of 911 misdials, a member inquired if any municipality has enacted a bylaw to enforce a penalty or cost recovery provisions for such calls. Inspector Miller responded that, due to the nature of the emergency 911 system, such a bylaw could not be enacted. There was additional discussion on measures taken to educate the public in the past.

A member inquired regarding firearms training for auxiliary officers. Inspector Miller explained that there are 42 auxiliary members for the Essex County Detachment, and they need to be trained to safely handle a weapon in case an officer became incapacitated. They do not, however, carry or use weapons in the course of their duties.

Motion: PSB 24/19

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti
Seconded by: Member Marc Gomes

That the OPP Report for the months of March and April 2019 be received.

Carried

9. Reports

- a. Verbal Report by Chair Christopher Hales
Re: 2019 OAPSB Spring Conference and AGM – May 22-25, 2019, Windsor, ON

Chair Hales observed that this year's OAPSB Spring Conference focused on the new *Comprehensive Ontario Police Services Act* as well as Community Safety and Well-Being Planning. He thanked Members Paul Sweet and Marc Gomes for stepping in at short notice to assist with the board's conference report, which will be available for the next meeting.

10. Communications – Action Required

There were no Communications requiring action.

11. Communications – For Information

- a. Memo from Stephen Beckett, Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Safety Division and Public Safety Training Division, Ministry of the Solicitor General – dated April 18, 2019

Re: Update on Transformation of Policing Grants for 2019-20 and On-going

- b. Email from Tiana Biordi, Ministry of the Solicitor General – dated May 23, 2019

Re: Grant Programs and Community Safety and Well-Being Plans

Motion: PSB 25/19

Moved by: Vice Chair Paul Sweet

Seconded by: Member Marc Gomes

That correspondence detailed as Items 11 a-b, Communications - For Information be received.

Carried

12. Old Business

- a. Community Safety and Well-Being Plan – CAO Update

CAO Marg Misk-Evans reported that the matter of the Town's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan has been raised with senior administration. She also intends to suggest a joint approach by Essex area municipalities in the production of this plan at the next Area CAO meeting, and will keep the board informed of next steps.

- b. Bike Patrols – OPP Update

Staff Sgt. Jamie Smith reported that, due to the ongoing wet weather this spring, bike patrols have not started. The detachment is looking into the option of involving auxiliary members in this activity. Chair Hales requested that, when a formal plan for bike patrols has been formulated, it be forwarded to the board and Town Council as there is a high level of interest. Sgt. Smith also noted that motorcycle enforcement is available for some events, with one rider based in the Tecumseh detachment.

- c. 2019 Joint Essex County Police Services Boards Meeting

Chair Hales noted that two agenda items were submitted by the board, namely Community Safety and Well-Being Planning and discussion on a local proposal for board amalgamation in response to legislative requirements. A date for the joint meeting, to be hosted by the Municipality of Leamington, has not yet been confirmed.

13. New Business

- a. New Member Orientation

Chair Hales reported that the new members have been provided with the board's reference manual. He further noted that details on legislated training for new board members (and who will deliver the training) have not been finalized yet. The new members expressed an interest in participating in an OPP 'ride along' as well as a tour of the Essex County detachment headquarters; the Recording Secretary will follow up to arrange.

b. OPP Update on Grants and Programs

Sgt. Jamie Smith thanked the board for arranging a special meeting on short notice to approve the submission to the Ministry of the Solicitor General for the Community Safety and Policing (CSP) grant program.

Chair Hales noted that, next year with more lead time, it may be advantageous to consider funding for the Community Safety and Well-Being Planning process when submitting grant applications.

c. Other New Business

i. Parking Ticket Duties for Tecumseh OPP

Staff Sgt. Smith explained that Tecumseh is the only detachment in Essex County where the detachment administrative staff complete the processing of parking tickets, as opposed to municipal staff handling this function. He provided some historical background as to how this situation came about, and indicated the OPP would prefer the Town to take over the processing of parking tickets. CAO Margaret Misek-Evans will follow up on this matter.

ii. Optimist Club's Victoria Day Fireworks

Deputy Mayor Bachetti thanked the OPP for their effective and professional policing of the recent Victoria Day Fireworks event organized by the Optimist Club. He noted that the OPP, Optimist Club and Town Administration plan to hold a debrief meeting on incidents at the event and will be making recommendations for future events to prevent similar issues.

14. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Police Services Board will be held Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

15. Adjournment

Motion: PSB 26/2019

Moved by: Vice Chair Paul Sweet
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti

That there being no further business to discuss, the June 5, 2019 meeting of the Tecumseh Police Services Board adjourn at 5:32 p.m.

Carried

Christopher Hales, Chair

Margaret Misek-Evans, Secretary