

**MINUTES OF THE HAMILTON
POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

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Thursday, December 20, 2018
2:01 pm
Hamilton City Hall
Council Chambers

The Police Services Board met.

There were present: Donald MacVicar, Vice Chair
Fred Eisenberger, Chair
Chad Collins
Tom Jackson
Madeleine Levy
Patricia Mandy

Absent: Walt Juchniewicz

Also Present: Chief Eric Girt
Deputy Chief Dan Kinsella
Deputy Chief Frank Bergen
Anna Filice, Chief Administrative Officer
Superintendent Jamie Anderson
Superintendent Ryan Diodati
Superintendent Nancy Goodes Ritchie
Superintendent Marty Schulenberg
Inspector Robin Abbott
Inspector Shawn Blaj
Staff Sergeant Andrea Torrie
Marco Visentini, Legal Counsel
Dan Bowman, Manager, Fleet & Facilities
Victoria Choe, Labour Relations
Ross Memmelo, Manager, Information & Technology
Jackie Penman, Corporate Communicator
John Randazzo, Manager, Finance
Lois Morin, Administrator

Vice Chair MacVicar called the meeting to order.

- Additions/Changes to Agenda
 - Consent Item 4.4(e) – HPS Projected Capital Expenditures: 2019-2028. This report was presented to the Board in November and approved as amended. The report is before you for information only and to provide an opportunity for questions.
 - New Business: Election of the Chair - As a result of the position of Chair being vacant the Board will be electing a Chair.
 - New Business: Current Vacancy in Community Relations Office
 - New Business: Business Plan-Engagement & Partnerships
 - New Business: Cannabis Legislation
 - New Business: Recent Reports released by the Ontario Civilian Police Commission (Sinclair) and the Office of the Independent Police Review Director with respect to the Thunder Bay Police Service.
 - New Business: Funding provided to Toronto Police Service for At-Risk-Youth

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Collins

Seconded by: Chair Eisenberger

That the Agenda for the Hamilton Police Services Board Public meeting be adopted, as amended.

Carried.

Presentations

2.1 Member of the Month

Vice Chair MacVicar and Chief Girt presented the Member of the Month Award for September 2018 to Constable Michael Eves. Constable Eves was commended for his exceptional investigative abilities and use of a self-initiated traffic stop. Thanks to his hard work, he was able to recover stolen property and prevent further fraud.

Vice Chair MacVicar and Chief Girt presented the Member of the Month Award for October 2018 to Constable Dave Nairn. Constable Nairn was commended for his initiative and determination for coming to the aid of a male in medical distress while off-duty.

2.2 Chief's Commendation Award

The Hamilton Police Service recognized and congratulated with the Chief's Commendation award Detective Sergeant Dave Dunbar, Staff Sergeant Michelle Wiley, Detective Jason Leek, Detective John Tselepakis, Detective Troy Ashbaugh, Detective Sara Beck, Sergeant Steve Lassaline, Catholic Children's Aid Society Worker Anabela Pereira, Detective Constable Jeremy Miller, Detective Constable Mark Wilson and Deputy Crown Attorney Janet Booy. Detective Sergeant Dunbar, Staff Sergeant Wiley, Detective Leek, Detective Tselepakis, Detective Ashbaugh, Detective Beck, Sergeant Lassaline, Ms. Pereira, Detective Constable Miller, Detective Constable Wilson and Deputy Crown Attorney Booy were commended for the professionalism and teamwork displayed during the complicated and sensitive case – Project Links.

The Hamilton Police Service recognized and congratulated with the Chief's Commendation award Detective Sergeant Peter Thom, Sergeant Jon Murphy, Detective Ross Johnson, Detective Sergeant Shane Groombridge, Jovan Krasulja / CIAU and Constable Ryan Tweedle. Detective Sergeant Thom, Sergeant Murphy, Detective Johnson, Detective Sergeant Groombridge, Mr. Krasulja and Constable Tweedle were commended for the professionalism and teamwork displayed during the complicated investigation and sensitive case.

General**3.1 Declarations of Interest**

None

**Consent
Agenda****4.1 Approval of Consent Items**

Moved by: Chair Eisenberger

Seconded by: Member Mandy

That the Board approve and receive the consent items as amended.

Carried

4.2 Adoption of Minutes – November 22, 2018

The minutes of the meeting held Thursday, November 22, 2018, be adopted as printed.

4.3 Auction Account Fund

Support / Upcoming Events

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- That the Board approve the purchase of tickets to attend the 2019 Reverend John C. Holland Awards, scheduled for Saturday, February 2, 2019, Liuna Station, at a cost of \$80 per ticket, to be paid from the auction account.
- That the Board approve the purchase of tickets to attend the Interval House of Hamilton Vintage Hollywood Glam Gala, scheduled for Friday, February 22, 2019, Sheraton Hamilton Hotel, at a cost of \$95 per ticket, to be paid from the auction account.
- That the Board provide support to SACHA's 15th Annual Chocolate Fest and Silent Auction as a Bronze Sponsor in the amount of \$1,000, to be paid from the auction account.

4.4 For the Information of the Board:

- a) Auction Account Expenditures – For Board Approval – October-December, 2018 (PSB 18-124)
- b) Correspondence from Gena Dureault, Senior Development Officer, Mohawk Foundation with respect to the Awards Program.
- c) Correspondence from Patrick J. Daly, Chairperson and David Hansen, Director, Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board with respect to the outstanding policing provided to Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School.

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- d) Outstanding Issues as of December 20, 2018
- e) HPS Projected Capital Expenditures: 2019-2028

5.1 Lease Agreement Renewal – Dundas Community Policing Centre (PSB 02-043d; see also PSB 02-043, PSB 02-043a, PSB 02-043b and PSB02-043c)

As recommended by Chief Eric Girt, in PSB 02-043d dated December 20, 2018, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Jackson

Seconded by: Chair Eisenberger

- a) That the Board approves the proposed Renewal of a Lease Amendment and Extension Agreement between the City of Hamilton (Tenant) and 2099189 Ontario Ltd. (Landlord), for the purposes of providing a location for the Dundas Community Policing Centre, 2 King Street West, Dundas.
- b) That the Board requests that the Mayor and the City Clerk, of the City of Hamilton, execute a Lease Amendment and Extension Agreement, between the City of Hamilton (Tenant) and 2099189 Ontario Ltd., (Landlord), for the purposes of providing a location for the Dundas Community Policing Centre, 2 King Street West, Dundas.
- c) That the Lease Agreement for 2 King Street West, Dundas, contains the following terms and conditions:

Area: Approximately 1,054 square feet of ground level space.

Term: A period commencing on December 1, 2018, and expiring November 30, 2023. The lease may be terminated by the Lessee at any time with no penalty by providing six (6) months' notice.

Rental Rate: \$18,972.00 per year plus H.S.T. The payments will be made from Account #376614-55358.

Carried.

Board Members requested a report back with respect to the Pros & Cons of the Community Policing Centre's including the current number of locations and the current activity within each centre.

5.2 Request from Shekar Chandrashekar, to Provide a Deputation to the Board

As recommended, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Chair Eisenberger

Seconded by: Member Jackson

That the request from Shekar Chandrashekar to provide a deputation to the Board with respect to the Hamilton Police Services Board Budget, be approved.

Carried.

5.3 Request from Clayton McCann, to Provide a Deputation to the Board

As recommended, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Chair Eisenberger

Seconded by: Member Levy

The Hamilton Police Services Board Deputation Policy restricts the Police Services Board from directing the Chief of Police with respect to specific operational decisions or with respect to the day-to-day operation of the Police Service.

Therefore Be It Resolved that the request from Clayton McCann to provide a deputation to the Board with respect to Hamilton Police Service operational duties, be denied.

Carried.

New Business**6.1 Hamilton Police Services Board Budget Subcommittee**

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Chair Eisenberger

Seconded by: Member Jackson

That the Board form a Police Services Board Budget Sub Committee to work with Hamilton Police Service staff in preparing the Operating Budget for 2019.

Carried.

The Budget Subcommittee will be comprised of Chair Eisenberger, Vice Chair MacVicar and Member Collins.

6.2 Funding Provided to Toronto Police Service for At-Risk-Youth

Member Levy noted the recent announcement which provided funding to the Toronto Police Service for at-risk-youth. She noted that she hoped that Hamilton would see some of the funding and that the Police Services Board may want to look at gun violence and the ban of guns.

6.3 Current Vacancy of Community Relations Coordinator

Member Jackson requested information with respect to the community relations coordinator position which has been vacant for quite some time. He further noted that it was important given our multi-cultural, multi-racial community that the vacancy be filled as soon as possible.

Chief Girt provided information with respect to the position and the relationships with the community, noting that the position has been posted and numerous applications have been received. Chief Girt stated he would inform the Board when an applicant has been hired.

6.4 Cannabis Legislation

Member Jackson questioned the difficulties surrounding the shutting down of the remaining illegal cannabis locations. Member Collins also questioned the issues surrounding non-enforcement of cannabis closures.

Chief Girt provided information with respect to the issues noting that the Service has continued enforcement.

6.5 Business Plan & Community Engagement

Member Jackson asked for clarification on the Business Plan specifically Engagement and Partnerships with our communities. He requested if the goals included local neighbourhoods as he is aware that the neighbourhoods in his ward would like to be more involved and engaged and would like to look at programs such as a "Neighbourhood Watch" to work with the police. Member Jackson further requested what models were 'out there' and how could the Service encourage interaction with our neighbourhoods and communities.

Chief Girt provided comments on the issue with respect to neighbourhood safety project and community based programs.

6.6 Thunder Bay Police Services Board and the recent report from the OIPRD

Member Mandy noted that two significant reports were recently released from Thunder Bay and requested how the Hamilton Police Service is addressing some of the issues / gaps that were identified. Member Mandy requested a report on the services / relationships with respect to the indigenous community and the Hamilton Police Service. She further

noted the need for a board governance committee to review existing policy, oversee the development and maintenance of Board policy, as well as review the recent reports for matters that the Board should address.

Member Levy remarked that the Board should look at strategic planning and what other Boards have been doing with respect to a Board policies, priorities, mission, vision, public trust, relationships and how to achieve the best in public safety.

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Mandy
Seconded by: Chair Eisenberger

That the Board form a Police Services Board Governance Committee to review existing policies and oversee the development and maintenance of Board policy, as required.

Carried.

The Governance Committee will be comprised of Chair Eisenberger, Vice Chair MacVicar and Member Mandy.

Chief Girt provided comments with respect to the reports noting that the Hamilton Police Service Senior Command reviews all pertinent reports and follows-up with any recommendations that may be required.

6.7 Election of Chair

Lois Morin the Administrator assumed the Chair and advised the Board that elections for the positions of Chair of the Police Services Board for the remainder of 2018, would be conducted.

The Administrator called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Police Services Board for the remainder of 2018. It was moved by Member Jackson and seconded by Member Collins that Member Eisenberger be nominated for Chair of the Police Services Board for the remainder of 2018. Member Eisenberger indicated that he would stand for election.

The Administrator called for further nominations and as none were received, it was moved by Member Collins and seconded by Member Jackson that nominations be closed. Member Eisenberger was proclaimed Chair for the remainder of 2018.

Vice Chair MacVicar made the following comments:

- On behalf of the Board I want to thank and congratulate the Hamilton Police Service for everything that they accomplish in the community this time of year. I have read about Hamilton police handing out approximately 500 winter coats to the city's less fortunate, Police Constable Kikas and Lambel assisting a Dundas resident to move into a retirement home and providing him with clothing and access to resources, and just this week police were commended for assisting a family in Stoney Creek in getting their new puppy home for Christmas. The owner stated "I hear a lot of bad stories about the police, but they were amazing". Finally for the many other programs that I am aware of such as adopting a senior, providing gifts for children, food for those in need and assistance in their day to day.
- The work that you do each and every day provides a safe community for all of the citizens of Hamilton. A GREAT BIG THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS! WELL DONE!!
- AND FINALLY, on behalf of the Board I would like to wish everyone a safe holiday season and a happy healthy NEW YEAR!!

Next Meeting of the Board

Vice Chair MacVicar announced that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, January 15, 2019, 2:00pm, at Room 264, Hamilton City Hall.

Adjournment

Moved by: Member Mandy
Seconded by: Member Jackson

There being no further business, the public portion of the meeting then adjourned at 4:05pm.

Carried.

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The Board then met in camera to discuss matters of a private and confidential nature.

Taken as read and approved

Lois Morin
Administrator

Fred Eisenberger, Chair
Police Services Board

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