

**MINUTES OF THE HAMILTON
POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

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Thursday, July 18, 2019
1:02pm
Hamilton City Hall
Council Chambers

The Police Services Board met.

There were present: Fred Eisenberger, Chair
Donald MacVicar, Vice Chair
Fred Bennink
Geordie Elms
Tom Jackson
Patricia Mandy

Absent: Chad Collins

Also Present: Chief Eric Girt
Deputy Chief Frank Bergen
Chief Administrative Officer Anna Filice
Superintendent Nancy Goodes Ritchie
Superintendent Marty Schulenberg
Superintendent Mike Worster
Acting Superintendent Paul Hamilton
Inspector Shawn Blaj
Inspector Dave Hennick
Inspector Mark Stiller
Staff Sergeant Frank Miscione
Detective Paul Corrigan
Sergeant Jon Curtis
Marco Visentini, Legal Counsel
Dan Bowman, Director, Fleet & Facilities
Jackie Penman, Corporate Communicator
John Randazzo, Manager, Finance
Leanne Sneddon, Director, Human Resources
Jasbir Dhillon, Community Relations Coordinator
Lois Morin, Administrator

Call to Order

Chair Eisenberger called the meeting to order.

1.2 Additions/Changes to Agenda

Information Item 4.4

- s) Correspondence from Stephan M. Frankel with respect to Frankel, Kirkendall Neighbourhood Criminal Activity.
- t) Correspondence from Marion Emo, President and CEO, Hamilton / Burlington SPCA with respect to the Protection of Cruelty to Animals.
- u) Email from Councillor Nrinder Nann, City of Hamilton Ward 3, with respect to the Request for Independent Review.

- v) Email from Robert Moscardini with respect to Pride Hamilton and the Counter Protesters.
- w) Correspondence from Stephan M. Frankel with respect to Frankel, Kirkendall Neighbourhood Criminal Activity.

Discussion Agenda**5.11 Request from Shemar Hackett, to Provide a Deputation to the Board**

That the request from Shemar Hackett to provide a deputation to the Board with respect to the request for an independent review of the police response to the pride event, be approved.

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Jackson
Seconded by: Vice Chair MacVicar

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

Carried.

Presentations**2.1 Member of the Month**

None

General**3.1 Declarations of Interest**

None

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

Moved by: Vice Chair MacVicar
Seconded by: Member Elms

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

Carried

4.2 Adoption of Minutes – June 13, 2019

The minutes of the meeting held Thursday, June 13, 2019, be adopted as printed.

4.3 Auction Account Fund

Support / Upcoming Events

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- That the Board provide support to the Cops for Cancer Tour De Golden Horseshoe 2019 Golf Tournament in the amount of a \$100 hole sponsorship, to be paid from the auction account.

4.4 For the Information of the Board:

- a) Board Member Travel and Expense Reimbursement Report (PSB 19-052)
- b) Auction Account Expenditures – For Board Approval – April – June, 2019 (PSB 19-055)
- c) 2018 Year-End Budget Variance Report (PSB 19-066)
- d) Email from Carol Dumond, Programs & Administrative Assistant, Ministry of the Attorney General, Victims and Vulnerable Persons Division, with respect to the Transfer of Provincial Human Trafficking Helpline to National Hotline – July 1, 2019.
- e) Memorandum from Stephen Beckett, Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Safety Division and Public Safety Training Division, Ministry of the Solicitor General, with respect to Police Services Board Members and Elections.
- f) Memorandum from Stephen Beckett, Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Safety Division and Public Safety Training Division, Ministry of the Solicitor General, with respect to Assistant Deputy Minister Retirement.
- g) Memorandum from Stephen Waldie, Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Safety Division and Public Safety Training Division, Ministry of the Solicitor General, with respect to Animal Welfare Interim Strategy.
- h) Email from Jennifer Malloy, Executive Director, Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) with respect to the CAPG 2019 Nominations Committee Report.
- i) Correspondence from Bob Marentette, Chair, Church Council, New Vision United Church in support of the LGBTQI2S community.

- j) Email from Lyndsay – Ally with respect to Hamilton Pride 2019.
- k) Email from Margo Francis, PhD, Association Professor, Centre for Women's and Gender Studies / Sociology, Brock University, with respect to the Letter to Chief Girt.
- l) Email from Deborah Cowen, Professor, Department of Geography & Planning, University of Toronto with respect to a letter from 100 Professors from their shared urban region in support of the Hamilton Pride Defenders.
- m) Email from Jennifer Price with respect to No Room for HATE in Hamilton.
- n) Email from Joanne Theobald, Chair, Niagara Chapter of PFLAG Canada with respect to the Hamilton Pride celebration in Gage Park on June 15, 2019.
- o) Correspondence from Amber Bringleson, Manager, Regulatory Compliance Unit, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs thanking the Hamilton Police Service for the assistance in one of their agriculture investigations.
- p) Correspondence from Anne Simpson, on behalf of the HWDSB Rainbow Prom organizing committee, thanking the Hamilton Police Services Board for the continued financial support.
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- r) Outstanding Issues as of July 18, 2019

That the Board approve the deletion of Outstanding Issue #4: New Business – Thunder Bay Police Services Board and the recent report from the OIPRD and #5: New Current Vacancy of Community Relations Coordinator.
- s) Correspondence from Stephan M. Frankel with respect to Frankel, Kirkendall Neighbourhood Criminal Activity.
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**Discussion
Agenda****5.0 Community Relations Coordinator**

Member Jackson requested an update on the status of the new Community Relations Coordinator.

Deputy Chief Bergen introduced Ms. Jasbir Dhillon who is the new Hamilton Police Service Community Relations Coordinator.

5.1 Review of the Events of June 15, 2019

Chief Girt provide comments with respect to the Events of June 15, 2019.

Detective Corrigan provided information with respect to 2018 Hate Bias Statistical Report.

As a result of the disruption, Chair Eisenberger recessed the meeting of the Board at 1:30pm.

Chair Eisenberger reconvened the meeting of the Board at 2:05pm.

5.1 Review of the Events of June 15, 2019 - continued

Chief Girt continued his comments with respect to the events of June 15, 2019.

Members of the Board asked questions with respect to the events of June 15, 2019.

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Jackson

Seconded by: Member Mandy

That the Board deal with the deputation requests items 5.5 through to 5.11 and New Business Item 6.2: Independent Review prior to Item 5.2: Presentation: Year End Report: Crime Prevention Branch – CMD Volunteers – Auxiliary Unit – 2019; 5.3: 2018 Year-End Surplus Allocation Plan (PSB 19-072) and 5.4: Hamilton Police Services Board: Budget Subcommittee (PSB 19-071).

Carried.

Moved by: Vice Chair MacVicar

Seconded by: Member Jackson

That the Board approves and hears the deputation requests items 5.5 through to 5.11.

Carried.

5.5 Request from Ken Stone, Community Coalition Against Racism, to Provide a Deputation to the Board

That the request from Ken Stone to provide a deputation to the Board with respect to the shortcomings of policing in relation to Hamilton's Pride Festival, be approved.

Carried.

5.6 Request from Lyla Miklos, to Provide a Deputation to the Board

That the request from Lyla Miklos to provide a deputation to the Board with respect to address the growing tensions between Hamilton's 2SLGBTQIA+ Community and the Hamilton Police Service, be approved.

Carried.

5.7 Request from Lauren Stephen, to Provide a Deputation and Presentation to the Board

That the request from Lauren Stephen to provide a deputation to the Board with respect to implied violence of yellow vest and alt-right agitators at Pride; ultimate goals of each side of Pride 'public demonstration where peace was disrupted'; criminalization of Pride and LGBTQ+ self defence; 'the paradox of tolerance', be approved. *Please note that the use of the LCD Projector has been requested.*

Carried.

5.8 Request from Michael Demone, Executive Director and Citizen, Canadian Working Group on Industrial Hemp, to Provide a Deputation and Presentation to the Board

That the request from Michael Demone to provide a deputation to the Board with respect to Hamilton Police Service statements and response in the aftermath of the violent episode in Gage Park on June 15, 2019, be approved. *Please note that the use of the LCD Projector has been requested.*

Carried.

5.9 Request from Pride Hamilton, to Provide a Deputation and Presentation to the Board

That the request from Pride Hamilton to provide a deputation to the Board with respect to the events that took place at the Pride Hamilton event on Saturday, June 15, 2019 at Gage Park, be approved. *Please note that the use of the LCD Projector has been requested.*

Carried.

5.10 Request from Mouna Bile, to Provide a Deputation to the Board

That the request from Mouna Bile to provide a deputation to the Board with respect to inviting the Police Board, elected officials and community members to stand with us for an inclusive community free from Hate and all forms of discrimination, be approved.

Carried.

5.11 Request from Shemar Hackett, to Provide a Deputation to the Board

That the request from Shemar Hackett to provide a deputation to the Board with respect to the request for an independent review of the police response to the pride event, be approved.

Carried.

That Board heard the deputations from Ken Stone, Lyla Miklos, Lauren Stephen, Pride Hamilton and Mouna Bile.

6.2 Independent Review

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Jackson
Seconded by: Vice Chair MacVicar

To explore the costs and benefits of an independent review of events leading up to and including June 15, 2019 and report back to the Board as expeditiously as possible.

Carried.

The Independent Review Committee will be comprised of Vice Chair MacVicar, Member Bennink and Member Elms.

The following statement was read and unanimously endorsed by the Board.

The Hamilton Police Services Board denounces the violence that took place at Hamilton's Pride event. We will continue to denounce all organizations, groups or individuals that promote hate, violence, intolerance, discrimination and hate speech against anyone in our community.

We promote inclusion, diversity and full respect for all people in our community no matter who you love, no matter what faith you practice, no matter your skin colour or where you come from, provided you do not do harm to anyone else.

Every single person in Hamilton deserves to live and prosper in a safe and caring community.

We are saddened by the pain and fear that the Two-Spirit and LGBTQ+ communities, their friends, and allies experienced at the Pride event and which many are still feeling.

Together, we will continue to build a stronger relationship with these diverse and vibrant communities within our City.

5.2 Presentation: Year End Report: Crime Prevention Branch – CMD Volunteers – Auxiliary Unit - 2018 (PSB 19-056)

Sergeant Jon Curtis provided a presentation with respect to the 2018 Year End Report: Crime Prevention Branch – CMD Volunteers – Auxiliary Unit.

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Vice Chair MacVicar
Seconded by: Member Mandy

That the Hamilton Police Services Board receive the presentation with respect to the Year End Report: Crime Prevention Branch – CMD Volunteers – Auxiliary Unit - 2018, as provided.

Carried.

5.3 2018 Year-End Surplus Allocation Plan (PSB 19-072)

After discussion, as recommended by Chief Girt in PSB 19-072 dated July 18, 2019, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Elms
Seconded by: Member Bennink

That the Hamilton Police Services Board (Board) approve the Allocation Plan for the 2018 Operating Budget favourable variance (surplus) of \$1,055,515.

Carried.

5.4 Hamilton Police Services Board: Budget Subcommittee (PSB 19-071)

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Mandy

Seconded by: Member Elms

That the Board approve the following recommendations as approved by the Board Budget Subcommittee Meeting held June 20, 2019:

1. That, commencing with the 2020 budget process, Hamilton Police Service reports capital expenditures and operating expenditures separately
2. That Hamilton Police Service establishes block funding for capital expenditures
3. That annual operating and capital budget submissions include current fiscal year-end projections
4. That the quarterly operating budget exception reporting includes fiscal year-end projections
5. That Hamilton Police Service reports work-in-process (WIP) capital projects to the Board on a quarterly basis.

Carried.

Discussion Items 5.5 through to 5.11 were dealt with prior to Discussion Item 5.2 above.

5.5 Request from Ken Stone, Community Coalition Against Racism, to Provide a Deputation to the Board

5.6 Request from Lyla Miklos, to Provide a Deputation to the Board

5.7 Request from Lauren Stephen, to Provide a Deputation and Presentation to the Board

5.8 Request from Michael Demone, Executive Director and Citizen, Canadian Working Group on Industrial Hemp, to Provide a Deputation and Presentation to the Board

5.9 Request from Pride Hamilton, to Provide a Deputation and Presentation to the Board

5.10 Request from Mouna Bile, to Provide a Deputation to the Board

5.11 Request from Shemar Hackett, to Provide a Deputation to the Board

New Business**6.1 Verbal Update on the Enforcement of Illegal Dispensaries & Court Actions**

Chief Girt and Deputy Chief Bergen provided an update with respect to the enforcement on Illegal Dispensaries and the related charges and court cases.

6.2 Independent Review

This item was dealt with following items 5.5 through to 5.11.

Next Meeting of the Board

Chair Eisenberger announced that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Thursday, September 12, 2019, 1:00pm, at Hamilton City Hall, Council Chambers.

Adjournment

Moved by: Member Jackson
Seconded by: Member Bennink

There being no further business, the public portion of the meeting then adjourned at 3:44pm.

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

July 18, 2019
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Fred Eisenberger, Chair
Police Services Board