

**MINUTES OF THE HAMILTON
POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

4.2

Thursday, November 14, 2019
1:00pm
Hamilton City Hall
Council Chambers

The Police Services Board met.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Chief Eric Girt
Deputy Chief Frank Bergen
Deputy Chief Ryan Diodati
Chief Administrative Officer Anna Filice
Superintendent Jamie Anderson
Superintendent Nancy Goods Ritchie
Superintendent Greg Huss
Acting Superintendent Mark Stiller
Inspector Dave Hennick
Inspector Wendy Vallesi
Constable Lorraine Edwards
Marco Visentini, Legal Counsel
Dan Bowman, Director, Fleet & Facilities
Jackie Penman, Corporate Communicator
John Randazzo, Director, Finance
Leanne Sneddon, Director, Human Resources
Mr. Scott Bergman, Cooper, Sandler, Shime & Bergman, LLP
Lois Morin, Administrator

Call to Order Chair Eisenberger called the meeting to order.

1.2 Additions/Changes to Agenda

None

Presentations 2.1 Member of the Month

Chair Eisenberger and Chief Girt presented the Member of the Month Award for July 2019 to Constable Colin Bouwers and Special Constable Matthew Eleftheriou. Constable Bouwers and Special Constable Eleftheriou were commended for quick and decisive response that brought a volatile situation under control.

Chair Eisenberger and Chief Girt presented the Member of the Month Award for August 2019 to Sergeant Andrew Toms. Sergeant Toms was commended for his compassion, empathy and respect for life. The small act demonstrated true leadership and gave comfort to an elderly woman in her final hours.

Chair Eisenberger, Board Members and Chief Girt congratulated Superintendent Jamie Anderson on his well deserved retirement.

General**3.1 Declarations of Interest**

None

5.6 Independent Review Committee Report

Member Bennink provided comments on behalf of the Independent Review subcommittee.

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Bennink
Seconded by: Member Elms

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Hamilton Police Services Board approve the following motion:

- a) That the Board approve the recommendation of the Independent Review Subcommittee to retain Mr. Scott Bergman of Cooper, Sandler, Shime & Bergman, LLP and his team, to complete an Independent Review of the events leading up to and including the PRIDE Celebration of June 15, 2019.
- b) That the Independent Review be completed by April 30, 2020.
- c) That the review be at a cost of no more than \$500,000 plus H.S.T.

Carried.

Member Bennink introduced Mr. Scott Bergman who provided comments with respect to the Independent Review.

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

Moved by: Member Bennink
Seconded by: Vice Chair MacVicar

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

Carried.

4.2 Adoption of Minutes – October 10, 2019

The minutes of the meeting held Thursday, October 10, 2019, 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 Afro Canadian Caribbean Association 40th Anniversary Gala, scheduled for Saturday, November 16, Hamilton Convention Centre, at a cost of \$100 per ticket, to be paid from the auction account.

4.4 For the Information of the Board:

- a) Operating Budget Variance Report as at August 31, 2019 (PSB 19-096)
- b) Capital Project Status Report as at August 31, 2019 (PSB 19-097)
- c) Memorandum from Stephen Waldie, Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Safety Division and Public Safety Training Division, Ministry of the Solicitor General, with respect to Basic Constable Training Program – Allocation Request for January 8 – April 1, 2020 Intake.
- d) Memorandum from Stephen Waldie, Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Safety Division and Public Safety Training Division, Ministry of the Solicitor General, with respect to Electronic Proof of Auto Insurance (EPAI).
- e) Memorandum from Stephen Waldie, Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Safety Division and Public Safety Training Division, Ministry of the Solicitor General, with respect to Provincial Rail Summit.
- f) Memorandum from Stephen Waldie, Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Safety Division and Public Safety Training Division, Ministry of the Solicitor General, with respect to Centre of Forensic Sciences – Toxicology Section Court Testimony and Letter of Opinion Acceptance Criteria.

- g) Memorandum from Stephen Waldie, Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Safety Division and Public Safety Training Division, Ministry of the Solicitor General, with respect to Crime Prevention Week 2019 – Provincial Theme and Approach.
- h) Memorandum from Stephen Waldie, Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Safety Division and Public Safety Training Division, Ministry of the Solicitor General, with respect to Director, Criminal Intelligence Service Ontario.
- i) Memorandum from Stephen Waldie, Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Safety Division and Public Safety Training Division, Ministry of the Solicitor General, with respect to Proceeds of Crime (POC) Front-Line Policing (FLP) Grant Program – Call for Applications (2021-21 to 2022-23).
- j) Memorandum from Stephen Waldie, Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Safety Division and Public Safety Training Division, Ministry of the Solicitor General, with respect to Assistant Deputy Minister Announcement.
- k) Memorandum from Marc Bedard, Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Safety Division and Public Safety Training Division, Ministry of the Solicitor General, with respect to Introduction of the Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act, 2019.
- l) Email from Shekar Chandrashekar with respect to 25 October 2019, Item 5.5.
- m) Outstanding Issues as of November 14, 2019

**Discussion
Agenda****5.1 2020 Vehicles – Pre-Budget Approval (PSB 19-101; see also PSB 02-052)**

After discussion, as recommended by Chief Girt, in PSB 19-101 dated November 14, 2019, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Collins
Seconded by: Member Mandy

- a) That the Hamilton Police Service Board (Board) pre-approve the expenditure of \$1,640,000 for the purchase of new police vehicles in the 2020 Police Capital Budget consisting of twenty (20) 4x4 utility police cruisers, one (1) forensic vehicle, two (2) heavy duty pick-up trucks (technology crime and support), one (1) marine “Argo”, five (5) vehicle write-offs (in 2019, 4 cruisers and 1 sedan) and fourteen (14) bicycles.
- b) That the Board pre-approve the expenditure of \$518,200 for the up-fitting of the above-referenced vehicles in the 2020 Police Capital Budget.

- c) That Fleet staff be authorized to participate in the provincial Police Co-Operative Purchasing Group (PCPG), using the Province of Ontario Vendor of Record Vehicle Acquisition Program, for the above-mentioned police specific vehicles.
- d) That Fleet staff be authorized to purchase used plain door vehicles, as outlined in *PSB 02-052 - Used Vehicle Purchases*.

Carried Unanimously.

5.2 HPS Projected Capital Expenditures: 2020-2029 (PSB 19-103) (See also: PSB 15-002, PSB 15-00a, PS 15-002x, PSB 16-113, PSB 17-122, PSB 18-108)

After discussion, as recommended by Administrator Lois Morin, in PSB 19-085 dated November 14, 2019, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Jackson
Seconded by: Member Elms

1. That the Hamilton Police Service Board approves the list of 2020-2029 Projected Police Capital Expenditures.
2. That the Hamilton Police Service Board approves items 1 to 4 to be considered by the City of Hamilton for funding in 2020.
3. That the Hamilton Police Service Board forwards the approved plan to the City of Hamilton for inclusion in the 2020-2029 Capital Budget Plan.

Carried.

5.3 Body Worn Camera Steering Committee Final Report (PSB 19-090 – See also 17-124, 16-127 and 15-141)

After discussion, as recommended by Chief Girt, in PSB 19-090 dated November 14, 2019, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Collins
Seconded by: Member Mandy

That the Board approve not implementing Body Worn Cameras at this time.

Carried.

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Collins
Seconded by: Vice Chair MacVicar

That an Annual report be provided to the Board with respect to Body Worn Cameras. The report is to include the following: data and status of Body Worn Cameras in other Canadian Jurisdictions; the costs associated with a Pilot Project for Body Worn Cameras; and the costs associated for the full implementation of Body Worn Cameras.

Carried.

5.4 Email from Christine Vernem, Legislative Secretary, On Behalf of Janet Pilon, Deputy Clerk, City of Hamilton, with respect to Correspondence from Daryl Vaillancourt, Chief, Humane Programs and Community Outreach, Ontario SPCA and Humane Society respecting Provincial animal welfare legislation, which is in the midst of a significant transition

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Jackson
Seconded by: Member Elms

That the Board receive the correspondence as provided.

Carried.

5.5 Request from the LGBTQ Advisory Committee, to Provide a Deputation to the Board

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Collins
Seconded by: Member Mandy

That the request from LGBTQ Advisory Committee to provide a deputation to the Board, be tabled for further clarification.

Carried.

Moved by: Member Collins
Seconded by: Member Jackson

That the LGBTQ Advisory Committee be advised that the Board does not have jurisdiction with respect to the Citizen Appointment to the Board and that the decision rests solely with the City of Hamilton Council, and

That the LGBTQ Advisory Committee be advised that the deputation request has been tabled for further clarification with respect to the second reason outlined in the deputation which is as follows: "2. We would like to address the action of members of the Hamilton Police Service at the meeting that members of our Committee hosted in Council Chambers on June 18, 2019."

Carried.

5.6 Independent Review Committee Report

This item was dealt with prior to Consent Items 4.1 through to 4.4 above.

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 Red Hill / Lincoln Alexander Traffic Enforcement

Member Collins provided an update with respect to the continuation of enforcement on the Red Hill and Lincoln Alexander Expressways as approved by the Council for the City of Hamilton.

6.3 Hamilton Police Service LGBTQ Advisory Committee

Member Jackson requested the status of the LGBTQ Advisory Committee being reconstituted with the Hamilton Police Service.

Chief provided an update with respect to the LGBTQ meetings and the reconstitution of the Hamilton Police Service Committee.

Next Meeting of the Board

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

Adjournment

Moved by: Member Elms
Seconded by: Member Bennink

There being no further business, the public portion of the meeting then adjourned at 2:19pm.

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

November 14, 2019
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Fred Eisenberger, Chair
Police Services Board