

MINUTES OF THE HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD

**Thursday, November 12, 2020
1:01 PM
Virtual Meeting**

The Police Services Board met.

There were present: Fred Bennink, Vice Chair
Mel Athulathmudali
Chad Collins
Robert Elms
Tom Jackson
Pat Mandy

Also present: Chief Eric Girt
Deputy Chief Frank Bergen
Deputy Chief Ryan Diodati
Anna Filice, Chief Administrative Officer
Marco Visentini, Legal Counsel
Leanne Sneddon, Director, Human Resources
John Randazzo, Director, Finance/Chief Financial Officer
Kirsten Stevenson, Administrator
Lois Morin, Retired Administrator

Absent with regrets Fred Eisenberger, Chair

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Bennink called the meeting to order and read an acknowledgement:

The Hamilton Police Services Board is meeting on the traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, HuronWendat, Haudenosaunee and Mississaugas. This land is covered by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, which was an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabek to share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. It was further acknowledged that this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase, 1792, between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. The City of Hamilton is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island (North America) and it was recognized that we must do more to learn about the rich history of this land so

that we can better understand our roles as residents, neighbours, partners and caretakers.

The Board and Police Service held a moment of silence in honour of Remembrance Day.

1.1 Changes to the Agenda

Added Item 4.5 Correspondence from the Halton Police Board with respect to International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Definition of Antisemitism

That the International Holocaust Remembrance Day Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism, as adopted by the Parliament of Canada, be endorsed by the Hamilton Police Services Board.

Added Item 4.6 Auction Account Fund

That the Board approve a financial donation of \$200 to support the Bridge Hamilton's Bridge to Hope 2020 virtual event taking place on November 19, 2020, to be paid from the auction account.

After discussion the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Athulathmudali

Seconded by: Member Collins

That the agenda for the Hamilton Police Services Board public meeting be adopted, as amended.

CARRIED.

2. Public Presentations and Deputations

2.1 Members of the Month

Members of the Month were recognized for the months of March 2020 through to August 2020.

March Members of the Month

Constables Hume and Viersen were commended for their efforts in pursuing a violent offender. They demonstrated bravery and determination in a dangerous situation, using both their sound judgment and training in order to confront an armed suspect.

April Member of the Month

Constable Lubin was recognized for his extraordinary composure and bravery during the arrest of an armed suspect and is being commended for his courage and commitment.

May Members of the Month

Constables Jeff Hahn, Alison Hannah, Sion Hartnett, Scott Nelson, Bill Kapitanchuk, John Devine and Ben Rushton were commended for their exemplary teamwork and extraordinary effort and creativity in devising a plan to bring two citizens and their dog to safety.

June Members of the Month

Constables Shaun Fennessey and Patrick Kobylka were commended for their keen observation skills and relentless pursuit of offenders. Their actions make our community safer.

July Member of the Month

Jade was commended for her commitment to compassion, and teamwork that brought a search to a successful conclusion during a missing person investigation.

August Members of the Month

The Hamilton Police Service Vice and Drug Unit were commended for their continued commitment to the Service's values of dedication, in the relentless pursuit of offenders, and professionalism in providing a high standard of service to ensure public trust.

2.2 COVID-19 Verbal Update

Eric Girt, Chief of Police, Ryan Diodati, Deputy Chief of Police and Anna Filice, Chief Administrative Officer, provided verbal updates on COVID-19.

After discussion the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Mandy
Seconded by: Member Collins

That the COVID-19 verbal updates be received as information.

CARRIED.

3. General

3.1 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Consent Items

4.1 Approval of Consent Items

After discussion the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Elms
Seconded by: Member Collins

That the Board approve the consent items listed as 4.2 through 4.6, as amended.

CARRIED.

4.2 Adoption of the Minutes – October 15, 2020

That the minutes of the meeting held on October 15, 2020 be adopted as printed.

4.3 Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB) 2021 Membership Renewal

That the Board approve payment of the OAPSB 2021 Membership fee in the amount of \$6,595.27.

4.4 For the Information of the Board

4.4.a Budget Variance Report as at September 30, 2020 (PSB 20-094)

4.4.b Capital Project Status Report as at September 30, 2020 (PSB 20-095)

4.4.c Correspondence from the City of Hamilton with respect to correspondence from the Solicitor General, Minister Responsible for Anti-Racism, respecting Anti-Racism Initiatives

4.4.d Correspondence from Wendy with respect to Defunding Police Services

4.4.e Correspondence from A.W. with respect to Opinion Article - Stoney Creek News

4.4.f Correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General, Public Safety Division, Richard Stubbings Assistant Deputy Minister, with respect to Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Program Review (20-0151)

4.4.g Correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General, Public Safety Division, Richard Stubbings Assistant Deputy Minister, with respect to 2021-2022 Civil Remedies Grant Program (20-0158)

4.4.h Outstanding Business List as of November 12, 2020

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4.6 Auction Account Fund

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5. Discussion Items

5.1 Deputation Request from the Hamilton Police Historical Society and Museum with regards to presenting their 2018/2019 Annual Report

After discussion the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Elms
Seconded by: Member Mandy

That the Board approve the Hamilton Police Historical Society and Museum's deputation request with regards to presenting their 2018/2019 Annual Report for a future meeting.

CARRIED.

5.2 Adoption of City of Hamilton Procurement Policy By-law 20-205 (PSB 12-115c)

After discussion the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Collins
Seconded by: Member Athulathmudali

- a. That the Board approve the adoption of the City of Hamilton (COH) Procurement Policy By-law 20-205, approved by Council on September 30, 2020; and that

- b. The Board approve the amendments to the COH Procurement Policy(Policy) as listed in Report PSB 12-115c.

CARRIED.

5.3 2021 Vehicles - Pre-Budget Approval (PSB 20-093)

After discussion the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Mandy
Seconded by: Member Elms

- a. That the Board pre-approve the expenditure of \$1,766,918 for the purchase of new/used police vehicles in the 2021 Police Capital Budget; and that
- b. The Board pre-approve the expenditure of \$432,700 for up-fitting equipment for the above referenced vehicles in the 2021 Police Capital Budget; and that
- c. The Board approve the new 2021 vehicles to be purchased through the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services - Vehicle Acquisition Vendor of Record; and that
- d. The Board approve the purchase of the used plain door vehicles, as outlined in PSB 02-052 – Used Vehicle Purchases.

CARRIED.

5.4 HPS Projected Capital Expenditures: 2021-2030 (PSB 20-099) (PSB 15-002, PSB 15-002a, PSB 15-002x, PSB 16-113, PSB 17-122, PSB 18-108, PSB 19-103)

After discussion the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Athulathmudali
Seconded by: Member Mandy

- a. That the Hamilton Police Service Board (HPSB) approves the list of 2021-2030 Projected Police Capital Expenditures; and that
- b. The HPSB approves items 1 to 4 to be considered by the City of Hamilton for funding in 2021; and that
- c. The HPSB forwards the approved plan to the City of Hamilton for inclusion in their 2021-2030 Capital Budget Plan.

CARRIED.

6. New Business

6.1 History of Police-Related Conference Support Requests – verbal update Kirsten Stevenson, Administrator

Kirsten Stevenson, Administrator, provided an update on the history of police-related conference support requests.

Next Meeting of the Board

Vice Chair Bennink announced that the next virtual meeting of the Board is scheduled for Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 1pm.

8. Adjournment

Moved by: Member Collins
Seconded by: Member Athulathmudali

That there being no further business, the public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 2:20pm.

CARRIED.

Taken as read and approved.

Kirsten Stevenson
Administrator

Fred Eisenberger
Police Services Board Chair