

**MINUTES OF THE HAMILTON
POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

**Thursday, December 17, 2020
1:03 PM
Virtual Meeting**

The Police Services Board met.

There were present: Fred Eisenberger, Chair
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

1. Call to Order

Chair Eisenberger 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.

1.1 Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

After discussion the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Bennink
Seconded by: Member Mandy

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

CARRIED.

2. Public Presentations & Deputations

2.1 Deputation from the Hamilton Police Historical Society and Museum with respect to their 2018/2019 Annual Report

Constable David Kerkhof, Hamilton Police Service Historian, provided his deputation with respect to the Hamilton Police Historical Society and Museum's 2018/2019 Annual Report.

2.2 2019 Service Award Winner Acknowledgements

2019 Service Award Winners were acknowledged as follows:

Victims Service Award of Distinction – Detective Sergeant Steve Bereziuk

Leonard G. Lawrence Award – Sergeant Jon Curtis

Members of the Year – Constable Kim Kikas and Constable Mike Lamble (Ret.)

2.3 Community Safety and Well Being Plan – Verbal Update by Member Pat Mandy

Member Mandy, Member Bennink and Frank Bergen, Deputy Chief of Police provided updates on the Community Safety and Well Being Plan.

2.4 COVID-19 Verbal Update

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

3. General

3.1 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Consent Items

4.1 Approval of the Consent Items

After discussion the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Jackson
 Seconded by: Member Athulathmudali

That the Board approve the consent items listed as 4.2 through 4.4 j).

CARRIED.

4.2 Adoption of the Minutes - November 12, 2020

That the minutes of the meeting held on November 12, 2020 be adopted as printed.

4.3 Auction Account Fund

That the Board approve a donation request of \$500.00 to support the Out of the Cold Hamilton 'Striving to End Hunger in Our Community' initiative.

4.4 For the Information of the Board

- 4.4.a Auction Account Expenditures, April - December, 2020 (PSB 20-101)**
- 4.4.b Correspondence from the City of Hamilton Clerks Office with respect to Correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General respecting Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Program Review**
- 4.4.c Correspondence from the City of Hamilton Clerks Office with respect to 2021 Budget Submission for the Hamilton Police Services Board**
- 4.4.d Correspondence from Charles and Nancy Purich with respect to Defunding**
- 4.4.e Correspondence from Sarah Cripps with respect to Defund Hamilton Police**
- 4.4.f Correspondence from Emmali Branton with respect to Deeply Ashamed of my City**
- 4.4.g Correspondence from Leila Gebara with respect to Opportunity for Community Engagement**
- 4.4.h Correspondence from Kate Mallard with respect to Solidarity with Defund HPS Freedom Camp**
- 4.4.i Correspondence from Rucha Patel with respect to Concerned Citizen of Hamilton**

4.4.j Outstanding Business List

5. Discussion Items

5.1 Deputation Request From Maanvi Dhillon, McMaster Student Union

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Jackson
 Seconded by: Member Collins

That the Board approve the deputation request from Maanvi Dhillon, McMaster Student Union for a future meeting.

CARRIED.

5.2 Sexual Assault Community Review Update Report (PSB 20-103) (Listed as item 2 on the Outstanding Business List)

Inspector Mark Stiller and Detective Sergeant Tammi Ewart gave a presentation on the Sexual Assault Community Review Update Report.

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Jackson
 Seconded by: Member Elms

That the Board receive the Sexual Assault Community Review Update Report (PSB 20-103) as information.

CARRIED.

5.3 Traffic Safety Initiatives Update 2020 (PSB 20-109) (listed as Item 7 on the Outstanding Business List)

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Jackson
 Seconded by: Member Collins

That the Board receive the Traffic Safety Initiatives Update 2020 (PSB 20-109) as information.

CARRIED.

5.4 Correspondence from the City of Hamilton's Clerks Office with regards to Sub-Section (g) to Item 6 of the General Issues Committee Report 20-018 Approved at Council's Meeting of November 11, 2020

After discussion the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Collins
 Seconded by: Member Athulathmudali

That Hamilton Police Service staff be requested to compile detailed Crime Statistics using the Business Improvement Area boundaries; and,

That Hamilton Police Service staff be requested to report back to the Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee with these statistics on a quarterly basis.

CARRIED.

5.5 2021 Hamilton Police Service Operating & Capital Budgets (PSB 20-112)

After discussion the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Jackson
 Seconded by: Member Bennink

That the Hamilton Police Service Board (Board) approve the 2021 Hamilton Police Service (HPS) operating and capital budgets, representing a 2.98% increase over 2020.

CARRIED.

6. New Business

6.1 Virtual TownHall Updates - Verbal Update by Kirsten Stevenson, Board Administrator (Listed as Item 9 on the Outstanding Business List)

Administrator Stevenson reported that upcoming Virtual TownHall events to engage the broader community on policing issues will take place on January 26 & 27, 2021 and that a detailed media release would be sent out in early January 2021.

6.2 Chief of Police Update

Eric Girt, Chief of Police, announced his retirement from the Service effective February 27, 2021.

Board members expressed their appreciation of the Chief's service and dedication to the Board and Hamilton Police Service over the past 35 years.

7. Adjournment

Moved by: Member Jackson
Seconded by: Member Elms

That there being no further business, the public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 3:34 pm.

CARRIED.

Taken as read and approved.

Kirsten Stevenson
Administrator

Fred Eisenberger
Police Services Board Chair