

**MINUTES OF THE HAMILTON
POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

**Monday, January 18, 2021
1:01 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: Acting 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.

2. Elections

Pursuant to Section 28(1) of the *Police Services Act*, and Section 4 of the Hamilton Police Services Board Procedural By-law 2019 – 001, elections for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Police Services Board for 2021 are to be conducted at its first meeting of the year.

2.1 Election of the Chair - Conducted by the Administrator

Kirsten Stevenson, Administrator of the Board, assumed the Chair and called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Police Services Board for 2021. It was moved by Member Jackson and seconded by Member Collins that Member Eisenberger be nominated for Chair of the Police Services Board for 2021. Member Eisenberger indicated he would stand for election.

The Administrator called for further nominations and as none were received, it was moved by Member Mandy and seconded by Member Bennink that nominations be closed. Member Eisenberger was proclaimed as Chair for 2021.

2.2 Election of the Vice Chair - Conducted by the Chair

Member Eisenberger assumed the Chair and called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Hamilton Police Services Board for 2021. It was moved by Member Jackson and seconded by Member Elms that Member Bennink be nominated for Vice Chair of the Hamilton Police Services Board for 2021. Member Bennink indicated he would stand for election.

The Chair called for further nominations and as none were received, it was moved by Member Athulathmudali and seconded by Member Collins that nominations be closed. Member Bennink was proclaimed as Vice Chair for 2021.

2.3 Changes to the Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda:

5.3.f Correspondence from the Solicitor General with respect to Declaration of Provincial Emergency under the Emergency Management and Civil Protections Act

5.3.g Correspondence from the Solicitor General with respect to New Orders under the EMCPA & Revised Orders under the ROA

5.3.h Correspondence from the Solicitor General with respect to Updates Related to the EMCPA & Revised Rules for Areas in Stage 1 Under the ROA

5.3.i Correspondence from Liberty For Youth with respect to Thanking Chief Eric Girt

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Jackson

Seconded by: Member Mandy

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

CARRIED.

3. Public Presentations & Deputations

3.1 COVID-19 Verbal Update

Frank Bergen - Acting Chief, Ryan Diodati – Deputy Chief, and Anna Filice – CAO, provided updates on COVID-19.

3.2 Community Safety and Well Being Plan Verbal Update

Vice Chair Bennink and Member Mandy provided updates on the Community Safety and Well Being Plan.

4. General

4.1 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Consent Items

5.1 Approval of the Consent Items

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Jackson

Seconded by: Member Elms

That the Board approve consent items listed as Item 5.2 – 5.3 i.

CARRIED.

5.2 Adoption of the Minutes - December 17, 2020

5.3 For the Information of the Board

5.3.a Year End Report – 2020 Active Rewards (21-002)

5.3.b Correspondence from the Toronto Police Services Board with respect to a Letter to the Solicitor General re: Review of Use of Force Model

- 5.3.c Correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General, Letter from Mr. Mario Di Tommaso, Deputy Solicitor General, Community Safety
- 5.3.d Correspondence from J. Adan with respect to Police misconduct and unjustified use of force against vulnerable citizens
- 5.3.e Outstanding Business List as of January 18, 2021
- 5.3.f Correspondence from the Solicitor General with respect to Declaration of Provincial Emergency under the Emergency Management and Civil Protections Act
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6. Discussion Items

7. New Business

7.1 Virtual TownHall Update - Verbal Update by Kirsten Stevenson, Board Administrator

The Board Administrator provided an update on the Virtual TownHall events taking place on January 26 & 27, 2021.

After discussion the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Jackson
 Seconded by: Vice Chair Bennink

That the Virtual TownHall verbal update be received as information.

CARRIED.

7.2 Hamilton Police Association - New President Elected

The Chair welcomed newly elected Hamilton Police Association President Jaimi Bannon and provided a brief history of her career.

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 1:48 PM.

CARRIED.

Taken as read and approved.

Kirsten Stevenson
Administrator

Fred Eisenberger
Police Services Board Chair