

# **MINUTES OF THE HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

**Thursday, February 26, 2021  
1:00 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 Ryan Diodati  
Deputy Chief Frank Bergen  
Anna Filice, Chief Administrative Officer  
Marco Visentini, Legal Counsel  
Leanne Sneddon, Director, Human Resources  
Sanela Rusich, Financial Controller, Finance  
Kirsten Stevenson, Administrator  
Lois Morin, Retired Administrator

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## **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.

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### **1.1 Changes to the Agenda**

There were no changes to the agenda.

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Jackson

Seconded by: Member Athulathmudali

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

**CARRIED.**

## **2. Public Presentations & Deputations**

### **2.1 Deputation from Maanvi Dhillon, Associate Vice-President: Municipal Affairs, McMaster Students Union (approved at the December 17, 2020 meeting)**

Maanvi Dhillon, Associated Vice-President of McMaster Students Union provided her deputation.

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Athulathmudali

Seconded by: Member Collins

That the Board receive the deputation as information.

**CARRIED.**

### **2.2 Members of the Month**

Members of the Month were acknowledged as follows:

September 2020: Constable Borko Petricevic

October 2020: Constable Brent Gibson

November 2020: Constable Ben Mueller

December 2020: Sergeant Alex Mendes, Constable Scott Rieder and Constable Alex Pattison

### **2.3 COVID-19 Verbal Update**

Ryan Diodati – Acting Chief of Police and Frank Bergen – Deputy Chief, provided updates on COVID-19.

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Vice Chair Bennink

Seconded by: Member Mandy

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That the Board receive the update as information.

**CARRIED.**

### **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 Elms  
Seconded by: Member Collins

That the Board approve consent items listed as Items 4.2 through 4.6 h.

**CARRIED.**

#### **4.2 Adoption of the Minutes - January 18, 2021**

That the Board approve the minutes of its public meeting of January 18, 2021.

#### **4.3 Auction Account Fund**

That the Board approve a donation in the amount of \$500 to support the Catholic Youth Organization's 'Stronger Together Children's Fundraiser Gala Dinner' February 23, 24 and 25, 2021.

#### **4.4 Correspondence from the Canadian Association of Police Governance dated February 1, 2021 with respect to the 2021 Membership Fee**

That the Board approve payment of the Canadian Association of Police Governance 2021 membership fees in the amount of \$7,500.00.

#### **4.5 Ontario Association of Police Services Board (OAPSB) 2021 Spring Conference and Annual General Meeting 2021**

That Board Members be approved to attend the OAPSB Spring Conference and Annual General Meeting scheduled for May 27 - 29, 2021.

#### **4.6 For the Information of the Board**

**4.6.a** Year End Report: Hamilton Police Services Board Auction Account  
– 2020 (21-003)

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- 4.6.b** 2020 Year-End Financial Projection (21-013)
- 4.6.c** 2020 Year End Report – Collection of Identifying Information in Certain Circumstances – Prohibition and Duties (21-014)
- 4.6.d** Correspondence from the Solicitor General dated January 26, 2021 with respect to Operation of Off-Road Vehicles on Municipal Highways (21-0009)
- 4.6.e** Correspondence from the Solicitor General dated January 29, 2021 with respect to Ministry Organizational Changes Regarding Municipal Police Services Advisors (20-0012)
- 4.6.f** Correspondence from the OIPRD (Office of the Independent Police Review Director) dated January 19, 2021 with respect to Strip Search Policy Update
- 4.6.g** Correspondence from Craig Burley dated January 21, 2021 with respect to Street Checks and Carding
- 4.6.h** Outstanding Business List as at February 26, 2021

### **5. Discussion Items**

#### **5.1 Correspondence from the City of Hamilton dated September 19, 2019 with respect to the Feasibility of Launching Project 529 (to reduce bike theft) in the City of Hamilton**

After discussion the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Jackson  
Seconded by: Member Athulathmudali

That the Acting Chief and Deputy Chief inform the City of Hamilton Public Works Committee about programs the Hamilton Police Service has developed that help facilitate the registration and identification of bicycles in our community.

**CARRIED.**

#### **5.2 Hamilton Police Services Board Virtual TownHall Event Results (January 26 & 27, 2021) (21-008)**

After discussion the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Collins  
Seconded by: Member Mandy

That the Hamilton Police Services Board Virtual TownHall Event Results report be received as information.

**CARRIED.**

**5.3 Provincial Human Trafficking – Intelligence Led Joint Forces Strategy (21-016)**

After discussion the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Jackson  
Seconded by: Member Elms

That the Board enter into an Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Solicitor General, operating as the Ontario Provincial Police, by which one Officer of the Hamilton Police Service is assigned to the OPP for the purpose of participation in the Provincial Human Trafficking Intelligence Led Joint Forces Strategy.

**CARRIED.**

**6. New Business**

There was no new business.

**8. Adjournment**

Moved by: Member Jackson  
Seconded by: Member Mandy

That there being no further business, the public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 1:59 PM.

**CARRIED.**

Taken as read and approved.

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Kirsten Stevenson  
Administrator

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Fred Eisenberger  
Police Services Board Chair