

MINUTES OF THE HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD

Friday, March 26, 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
Sanela Rusich, Financial Controller
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 Jackson
Seconded by: Member Elms

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

CARRIED.

2. Public Presentations & Deputations

2.1 Members of the Month

Members of the Month were acknowledged as follows:

January 2021: Constable Cam Blakely

February 2021: Constable Kevin Lei

2.2 Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan - Verbal Update

Vice Chair Bennink, Member Mandy and Acting Chief Bergen provided updates on the Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan.

2.3 COVID-19 - Verbal Update

Acting Chief Bergen, Deputy Chief Diodati and CAO Filice provide COVID-19 updates.

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: Vice Chair Bennink

Seconded by: Member Elms

That the Board approve consent items listed as Items 4.2 through 4.5 L.

CARRIED.

4.2 Adoption of Minutes - February 26, 2021

That the minutes of the meeting held on February 26, 2021 be adopted as printed.

4.3 Auction Account Fund

That the Board approve a donation in the amount of \$500.00 to support the AIDS Network in organizing an International Women's Day open community virtual event.

4.4 Donation to Crime Stoppers of Hamilton (21-031)

That a cheque in the amount of \$5,000.00 be presented to Crime Stoppers of Hamilton in memory of members of the service and their family members who passed away in 2020.

4.5 For the Information of the Board

4.5.a McMaster University Special Constables Annual Report 2020 (21-018)

4.5.b Five Year Report: Freedom of Information Branch Statistics (21-022)

4.5.c Year End Report: Towing 2020 (21-026)

4.5.d Year End Report: Paid Duties 2020 (21-027)

4.5.e Temporary Appointment Extension - Board Member Pat Mandy

4.5.f Partnership Request - Ontario Association of Police Service Boards' 2020 Spring Conference and AGM is being held virtually on May 27-28, 2021

4.5.g Call for Nominations: Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) Award for Excellence in Police Governance

4.5.h Special Investigations Unit (SIU) Quarterly Report (January - March 2020)

4.5.i Correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General, Public Safety Division with regards to Phase 1 COVID-19 Vaccinations for Frontline Police Officers (21-0023)

4.5.j Correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General, Public Safety Division with regards to Phase 1 COVID-19 Vaccinations for Special Constables (21-0025)

4.5.k Correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General, Public Safety Division with regard to 2021 COVID-19 Relief Funding for Municipalities (21-0034)

4.5.l Outstanding Business Item List - as of March 26, 2021

5. Discussion Items

5.1 Community Safety and Policing (CSP) Grants 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 (21-019)

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Athulathmudali

Seconded by: Member Mandy

That the Board approve the acceptance of the Community Safety and Policing (CSP) Grants for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 as noted in Report 21-019.

CARRIED.

5.2 Body Worn Camera Semi-Annual Update (21-021)

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Collins

Seconded by: Member Mandy

That the Board recommend continued research regarding the possible implementation of body worn cameras;

And that the next annual body worn camera update come back to the Board for consideration in the first quarter of 2022.

CARRIED.

5.3 Pride Recommendations (20-076a)

HPS Staff provided updates on the Pride Recommendations contained in Report 20-076a.

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Athulathmuldali

Seconded by: Member Jackson

That the Pride Recommendations Report 20-076a be received as information.

CARRIED.

6. New Business

There was no new business.

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 2:32 PM.

Taken as read and approved.

Kirsten Stevenson
Administrator

Fred Eisenberger
Police Services Board Chair