



**Hamilton Police Services Board
PUBLIC MINUTES**

**Thursday, June 24, 2021
1:00 p.m.**

**Due to COVID-19 Hamilton Police Services Board Meetings Will Temporarily be
Taking Place Virtually - All electronic meetings can be viewed at:
<https://hamiltonpolice.on.ca/about/police-services-board> (under meetings)**

Present: Chair Eisenberger
Vice Chair Fred Bennink
Member Athulathmudali
Member Elms
Member Jackson
Member Mandy

Absent with Regrets: Member Collins

Also Present: Chief Frank Bergen
Deputy Chief Ryan Diodati
Acting Deputy Chief Paul Hamilton
Chief Administrative Officer Anna Filice
Director of Finance / Chief Financial Officer John Randazzo
Director of Human Resources Leanne Sneddon
Legal Counsel Marco Visentini
Corporate Communicator Jackie Penman
Staff Sergeant Sara Beck
Administrator Kirsten Stevenson

Others Present Retired Administrator Lois Morin

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

The following item was added to the Consent Items:

5.14 Correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General dated June 18, 2021 with regards to Provincial Strategies/Frameworks that Align with Community Safety and Well Being Plan (21-0073).

The following item was added to the Discussion Items:

6.6 Deputation Request from Kojo Damptey, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion with regard to Racial Profiling and the Use of Deadly Force.

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved By: Member Jackson

Seconded By: Vice Chair Bennink

That the June 24, 2021 meeting agenda be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

2. Public Presentations & Deputations

2.1 Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan - Verbal Update

Chief Bergen, Board Member Mandy and Chair Eisenberger provided verbal updates with regards to the Community Safety and Well Being Plan.

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved By: Member Mandy

Seconded By: Vice Chair Bennink

That the updates be received as information.

CARRIED

2.2 COVID-19 - Verbal Update

Chief Bergen and Deputy Diodati provided verbal updates on COVID-19.

Chair Eisenberger thanked all front line workers for their commitment and dedication to serving member of the public during the pandemic.

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved By: Member Athulathmudali

Seconded By: Member Elms

That the updates be received as information.

CARRIED

2.3 Award Presentations

Staff Sergeant Sara Beck noted that Members of the Month for May will be presented at the Board's July 29, 2021 meeting.

Staff Sergeant Beck presented 3 awards as follows:

Victims Service Award of Distinction

Detective Constable Mike MacSween

Detective Constable Kudo Park

Members of the Year 2020

Constable Stephen Hume

Constable Trevor Viersen

Leonard G. Lawrence Award

Awarded to the Social Navigator Encampment Team

Acting Sergeant Peter Wiesner

Constable Brian Clavel

Constable Dan Fleming

Sandra Kurziel

Naomi Henderson (Hamilton EMS)

Gord Mooney (Hamilton EMS)

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved By: Vice Chair Bennink

Seconded By: Member Jackson

That the presentations be received as information.

CARRIED

3. General

3.1 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Approval of the Minutes

4.1 May 21, 2021

Moved By: Member Athulathmudali

Seconded By: Member Mandy

That the minutes of the Board's meeting of May 21, 2021 be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

5. Consent Items

Member Mandy suggested the Board review item 5.12 Correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General dated June 14, 2021 with regards to 21-0070 - All Chiefs Memo - Proposed Regulations under the Community Safety and Policing Act (21-0070) and provide feedback to the Ministry in advance of the July 26, 2021 deadline.

After discussion, the Board gave direction to the Administrator to gather Board feedback and to work with the Service to provide a response to the Ministry on Item 5.12 prior to the July 26, 2021 deadline.

After further discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved By: Vice Chair Bennink

Seconded By: Member Elms

That Consent Items listed as items 5.1 through 5.14 be approved.

CARRIED

5.1 Capital Project Status Report as at March 31, 2021 (21-060)

5.2 Budget Variance Report as at March 31, 2021 (21-061)

5.3 Conference Findings - OAPSB Annual Meeting 2021 (Member Athulathmudali & Member Mandy)

5.4 Correspondence from Wendie Duque with regards to Police Check Fees

5.5 Correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General dated May 21, 2021 with regards to Changes to Existing Emergency Orders and Information Regarding Ontario's Roadmap to Reopen (21-0057)

- 5.6 Correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General dated May 27, 2021 with regards to Collection of Occurrence Data Related to the Animals Left in Motor Vehicles (21-0058)
- 5.7 Correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General dated May 26, 2021 with regards to Legal Advice for Victims of Sexual Assault Program (21-0061)
- 5.8 Correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General dated May 28, 2021 with regards to 2021–22 Constable Joe MacDonald Public Safety Officers' Survivors Scholarship Fund (CJMPSOSSF) Call for Applications (21-0062)
- 5.9 Correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General dated May 31, 2021 with regards to Extension of Orders under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA) (21-0063)
- 5.10 Correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General dated June 10, 2021 with regards to 2021-22 to 2022-23 Victim Support Grant (VSG) - Call for Applications (21-0066)
- 5.11 Correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General dated June 10, 2021 with regards to Entering Step One of the Roadmap to Reopen (21-0067)
- 5.12 Correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General dated June 14, 2021 with regards to 21-0070 - All Chiefs Memo - Proposed Regulations under the Community Safety and Policing Act (21-0070)
- 5.13 Outstanding Business List as of June 24, 2021
- *5.14 Correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General dated June 18, 2021 with regards to Provincial Strategies/Frameworks that Align with Community Safety and Well Being Plan (21-0073)

6. Discussion Items

6.1 2020 Year End Financial Report (21-013a)

CAO Filice provided a review of the 2020 Year End Financial Report.

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved By: Vice Chair Bennink

Seconded By: Member Jackson

That report 21-013a Final 2020 Year-End Financial Report be received as information.

CARRIED

6.2 2020 Year End Surplus Allocation Plan (21-063)

Chief Bergen and CAO Filice provided a review and answered questions of the Board with regards to the 2020 Year End Surplus Allocation Plan.

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved By: Member Jackson

Seconded By: Member Athulathmudali

That the Hamilton Police Service Board (Board) approve the allocation plan for the 2020 year-end surplus of \$2,128,405.

CARRIED

6.3 Hamilton Police Service Community Safety and Wellbeing Realignment (21-058)

Chief Bergen provided a review of the Hamilton Police Service Community Safety and Wellbeing Realignment report and answered questions of the Board.

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved By: Member Mandy

Seconded By: Vice Chair Bennink

That report 21-058 Hamilton Police Service Community Safety and Wellbeing Realignment be received as information.

CARRIED

6.4 Diversity and Inclusion Survey (21-064)

Chief Bergen and CAO Filice provided a review of the Diversity and Inclusion Survey report and noted that a report will come back to the Board at its September meeting with regards to the results.

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved By: Member Elms

Seconded By: Member Mandy

That the Board receive report 21-064 Diversity and Inclusion Survey as information.

CARRIED

6.5 Year End Report: Use of Force 2020 (21-066)

Sergeants Andrew Poustie and Gino Ciarmoli provided a presentation and answered questions of the Board with regards to Year End Report: Use of Force 2020.

Chief Bergen answered questions of the Board.

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved By: Member Jackson

Seconded By: Vice Chair Bennink

That the Board receive report 21-066 Year End Report: Use of Force 2020 and the presentation as information.

CARRIED

***6.6 Deputation Request from Kojo Dampthey, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion with regards to Racial Profiling and the Use of Deadly Force**

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved By: Member Mandy

Seconded By: Member Athulathmudali

That the Board approve the deputation request for the July 29, 2021 meeting.

CARRIED

7. New Business**7.1 Justice Gage Decision**

Chief Bergen provided comments on the Justice Gage Decision.

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved By: Member Jackson

Seconded By: Member Mandy

That the Board receive the comments as information.

CARRIED

8. Adjournment

Moved By: Member Jackson

Seconded By: Vice Chair Bennink

That there being no further business, the public portion of the meeting adjourned at 2:54 PM.

CARRIED

Taken as read and approved.

Kirsten Stevenson
Board Administrator

Fred Eisenberger
Chair Hamilton Police Services Board