

HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES

Thursday, February 23, 2023
1:00 P.M.
Hybrid Meeting

Present: Chair Mandy
Vice Chair Bennink
Member Athulathmudali
Member Elms
Member Horwath
Member Kroetsch
Member Pauls

Also Present: Chief Frank Bergen
Deputy Chief Paul Hamilton
Acting Deputy Chief Dave Hennick
Legal Counsel Marco Visentini
Director of Human Resources Leanne Sneddon
Director of Finance Sanela Dzaferi
Director of Strategic Initiatives Matt Lewandowski
Director of Records & Property Anne Hepplewhite
Corporate Communicator Jackie Penman
Inspectorate of Policing David Tilley
Administrator Kirsten Stevenson
Board Assistant Lucia Romano
Chair of Crime Stoppers Hamilton Lily Lumsdem
Coordinator of Crime Stoppers Hamilton Trevor McKenna
Executive Director of the Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion
Kojo Dampthey

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., confirmed quorum and provided a land acknowledgement.

2. Elections

2.1 Election for the Position of Chair of the Hamilton Police Services Board for 2023

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 2023 are to be conducted at its first meeting of the year.

Kirsten Stevenson, Administrator of the Board, assumed the Chair and called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Police Services Board for 2023. It was moved by Member Horwath and seconded by Member Pauls that Member Mandy be nominated as Chair of the Police Services Board for 2023. Member Mandy indicated she would stand for election.

The Administrator called for further nominations and as none were received, it was moved by Member Pauls and seconded by Member Kroetsch that nominations be closed. Member Mandy was acclaimed Chair of the Police Services Board for 2023.

2.2 Election for the Position of Vice Chair of the Hamilton Police Services Board for 2023

Chair Mandy called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Hamilton Police Services Board for 2023. It was moved by Member Elms and seconded by Member Pauls that Member Bennink be nominated for the position of Vice Chair of the Hamilton Police Services Board for 2023. Member Bennink indicated he would stand for election.

The Chair called for further nominations and as none were received, it was moved by Member Horwath and seconded by Member Elms that nominations be closed. Member Bennink was acclaimed Vice Chair of the Police Services Board for 2023.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The Administrator noted the following changes to the agenda:

- Deputation request items listed as 9.1 and 9.2 will be moved under Presentations and Deputations and considered for today's meeting
- Item 5.1 Members of the Month will not be taking place today
- Added In Camera item 3.15 has been added to the in camera agenda with regards to a personnel matter in accordance with Section 35(4) of the *Police Services Act*

Moved By: Member Kroetsch

Seconded By: Member Elms

That discussion items 9.1 and 9.2 be moved up on the agenda to fall under Section 5 Presentations, Deputations and Verbal Updates.

CARRIED

Moved By: Member Pauls

Seconded By: Member Elms

That the agenda be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

4. Declarations of Conflict & Pecuniary Interest by Members

There were no declarations of conflict or pecuniary interests.

5. Presentations, Deputations & Verbal Updates

5.1 Members of the Month

There were no Members of the Month presentations.

5.2 Deputation from Crime Stoppers of Hamilton (see item 9.1)

This item was originally listed under Discussion Item 9.1.

Moved By: Vice Chair Bennink

Seconded By: Member Horwath

That the deputation request from Crime Stoppers of Hamilton be approved for today's meeting.

CARRIED

Lily Lumsdem, Chair of the Board, and Trevor McKenna, Coordinator, provided their deputation to the Board and presented a plaque to Chief Bergen.

Moved By: Member Pauls

Seconded By: Member Elms

That the Board receive the deputation.

CARRIED

5.3 Deputation from Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion (see item 9.2)

This item was originally listed under Discussion Item 9.1.

Moved By: Member Kroetsch

Seconded By: Member Horwath

That the deputation request from the Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion be approved for today's meeting.

CARRIED

Kojo Damphey, Executive Director of the Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion, provided his deputation to the Board and answered questions of Members.

Moved By: Member Pauls

Seconded By: Member Elms

That the Board receive the deputation.

CARRIED

Moved By: Member Kroetsch

Seconded By: Member Horwath

That a motion be brought forward at the Board's next meeting regarding perceived race-based data.

CARRIED

5.4 Board Chair Verbal Update

Moved By: Member Horwath

Seconded By: Member Elms

That the Board Chair verbal update be received.

CARRIED

5.5 Chief of Police Verbal Update

Moved By: Member Athulathmudali

Seconded By: Vice Chair Bennink

That the Chief of Police verbal update be received.

CARRIED

6. Approval of the Minutes**6.1 December 15, 2022**

Moved By: Member Elms

Seconded By: Member Pauls

That the minutes of December 15, 2022 be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

7. Communications

Moved By: Member Elms

Seconded By: Member Athulathmudali

That communication items listed as 7.1 through 7.6 be received.

CARRIED

7.1 London Police Services Board Media Release - Interim Deputy Chief Appointed (Dec 23, 2022)

7.2 Communication from the Hamilton Police Services Board to the City of Hamilton with regards to 2023 Hamilton Police Service Operating and Capital Budgets (Dec 23, 2022)

7.3 Correspondence from Rich McIlwee with regards to Police Patrol on Locke Street (January 24, 2023)

- 7.4 **Greater Sudbury Police Services Board Media Release with regards to Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair for 2023 (Jan 23, 2023)**
- 7.5 **Correspondence from the Solicitor General - All Chiefs Memo 23-0001 with regards to Bill S-4 (Jan 16, 2023)**
- 7.6 **Correspondence from Liberty for Youth - Thanks to you for 2022**

8. Consent Agenda

Moved By: Vice Chair Bennink

Seconded By: Member Elms

That consent items listed as 8.1 through 8.9 be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

8.1 Auction Account Requests for Funding & Support

Based on past practice and in accordance with the Board's Account Policy:

That tickets at a cost of \$100 each be purchased for the 27th Annual Reverend John C. Holland Awards on February 18, 2023, to celebrate excellence in Hamilton's Black community; and

That tickets at a cost of \$200 each be purchased for Good Shepherd's Jazz Up the Winter Blues on March 6, 2023, in the find to end homelessness; and

That tickets at a cost of \$130 each be purchased for the Catholic Youth Organization Children's Fundraiser Gala Dinner on February 23, 2023 to support children in Hamilton; and

That these purchases, donations, and sponsorships be taken from the Auction Account Fund.

- 8.2 **Victim Support Grant Update (23-017)**
- 8.3 **2022 Year End Report - Active Rewards (23-015)**
- 8.4 **2022 Year-End Report - Collection of Identifying Information in Certain Circumstances - Prohibition and Duties (23-013)**
- 8.5 **Interprovincial Policing Act 2009 (23-005)**
- 8.6 **2022 Year End Report - Hamilton Police Services Board Auction Account (23-007)**

8.7 Ontario Association of Police Services Boards Zone 4 2023 Membership Dues (PSB 23-001)

That the Board Administrator be directed to process 2023 OAPSB Zone 4 Membership dues in the amount of \$70.00.

8.8 2023 Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB) Membership Dues (PSB 23-004)

That the Board Administrator be directed to process 2023 OAPSB Membership dues in the amount of \$7,162.46 (tax included).

8.9 Outstanding Business List as of February 23, 2023

9. Discussion Agenda

9.1 Deputation Request from Crime Stoppers of Hamilton

This item was dealt with under Presentations, Deputations and Verbal Updates.

9.2 Deputation Request from Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion

This item was dealt with under Presentations, Deputations and Verbal Updates.

9.3 RIDE Grant - Ministry of the Solicitor General 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 (23-010)

Moved By: Vice Chair Bennink

Seconded By: Member Horwath

That the Board ratify the RIDE Grant from the Ministry of the Solicitor General 2022 – 2023 and 2023 – 2024 as noted below:

a) That the Hamilton Police Services Board enter into an agreement with His Majesty the King in Right of Ontario as represented by the Solicitor General (the “Province”) whereby the Province provides to the Hamilton Police Service (HPS) a Grant to a maximum of \$42,100.00 to be used exclusively for Sworn Officer overtime or Paid Duty costs associated with the 2022 – 2023 RIDE enforcement programs; and

b) That the Chair and Administrator of the Board be authorized and directed to execute such an Agreement, in a form satisfactory to the Legal Counsel of the Police Service.

CARRIED

9.4 2022 Year End Report - Gratitude & Recognition for Retirees (23-016)

Moved By: Member Horwath

Seconded By: Vice Chair Bennink

a) That a cheque for \$1,000.00 be forwarded to the Hamilton Police Retirees Association, with the money to be disseminated to those members who volunteer their time to assist with Association duties and operations. This amount is consistent with the funds provided in previous years.

b) That these funds be provided by the Police Services Board Auction Account.

CARRIED

9.5 Nominations for the 2023 Hamilton Police Services Board Governance Committee

Chair Mandy called for nominations of Members to sit on the Governance Committee for 2023.

Members Elms, Kroetsch, and Pauls volunteered to sit on the Committee for 2023.

Moved By: Member Horwath

Seconded By: Vice Chair Bennink

That Members Elms, Kroetsch and Pauls be appointed to sit on the Governance Committee for 2023.

CARRIED

9.6 Hamilton Police Services Board Correspondence - Support for Bail Reform

Moved By: Member Pauls

Seconded By: Member Athulathmudali

That the correspondence from the Board with regards to bail reform be distributed to all those listed on the letter of correspondence.

CARRIED

10. New Business

There was no new business.

11. In Camera Meeting

Moved By: Member Elms

Seconded By: Member Athulathmudali

That the Board move in camera for the purpose of considering confidential items pertaining to legal and personnel matters in accordance with Section 35(4) of the *Police Services Act*.

CARRIED

The Board moved in camera at 2:30 P.M.

12. In Camera Report Back

The Board returned to public session at 3:35 P.M.

During its in camera session today, the Board approved in camera minutes of December 15, 2022, dealt with the consideration of confidential items pertaining to legal and personnel matters in accordance with section 35(4) of the *Police Services Act* and granted an unpaid leave of absence for Sergeant Peter Wiesner, candidate for provincial election pursuant to Section 16(1) of Ontario Regulation 268/10 effective February 15, 2023 until March 16, 2023.

Moved By: Member Elms

Seconded By: Vice Chair Bennink

That the report back from the Chair be received.

CARRIED

13. Adjournment

Moved By: Member Horwath

Seconded By: Vice Chair Bennink

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:37 P.M.

CARRIED

Taken as read and approved.

Chair Pat Mandy

Administrator Kirsten Stevenson