

## HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES

Thursday, May 25, 2023  
1:00 P.M.  
Hybrid Meeting

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

Absent with regrets: Member Elms  
Member Horwath

Also Present: Chief Frank Bergen  
Deputy Chief Ryan Diodati  
Deputy Chief Paul Hamilton  
Legal Counsel Marco Visentini  
Director of Human Resources Leanne Sneddon  
Director of Fleet and Facilities Doris Ciardullo  
Director of Finance Sanela Dzaferi  
Inspector Jim Callender  
Inspectorate of Policing Police Advisor David Tilley  
Administrator Kirsten Stevenson  
Board Assistant Lucia Romano

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### 1. **Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. and confirmed quorum.

Vice Chair Bennink read the land acknowledgement.

The Board held a moment of silence in honour of slain OPP Sergeant Eric Mueller.

### 2. **Approval of the Agenda**

The Administrator noted the following changes to the agenda:

- Added Communications item 6.15, Correspondence from Olivera Radisic, General Manager of Homewood Suites by Hilton Hamilton with regards to the recent CBC article (May 11, 2023)
- Added Communications item 6.16, Correspondence from Staybridge Hotel – Downtown (May 19, 2023)
- Added In Camera Consent item 3.11 pertaining to legal and personnel matters in accordance with Section 35(4) of the *Police Services Act*
- Added In Camera Discussion item 4.1 pertaining to legal and personnel matters in accordance with Section 35(4) of the *Police Services Act*

Moved By: Member Athulathmudali

Seconded By: Member Pauls

That the agenda be approved, as amended.

**CARRIED**

### **3. Declarations of Conflict & Pecuniary Interest by Members**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest or pecuniary interest by Members.

### **4. Presentations, Deputations & Verbal Updates**

#### **4.1 Members of the Month**

There were no Members of the Month presentations.

Inspector Jim Callender presented the Chief's Excellence Award to Detective Troy Ashbaugh.

#### **4.2 Board Chair Verbal Update**

The Board Chair provided updates.

Moved By: Vice Chair Bennink

That the Board Chair verbal update be received.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.3 Chief of Police Verbal Update**

The Chief of Police provided updates.

Moved By: Member Pauls

Seconded By: Member Athulathmudali

That the Chief of Police verbal update be received.

**CARRIED**

## **5. Approval of the Minutes**

### **5.1 Minutes of April 27, 2023**

Moved By: Member Athulathmudali

Seconded By: Member Pauls

That the minutes of April 27, 2023 be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

## **6. Communications**

After discussion the Board approved the following:

Moved By: Member Athulathmudali

Seconded By: Vice Chair Bennink

That Communication Items listed as 6.1 through 6.16 be received.

**CARRIED**

**6.1 Thank You from Woodview Mental Health & Autism Services**

**6.2 Thank You from West End Resident (March 29, 2023)**

**6.3 Thank You from Mary Yarmel & Family**

**6.4 Crime Stoppers of Hamilton Thank You for Donation & Gala Support (May 2023)**

**6.5 Ottawa Police Services Board - Member Dr. Gail Beck Elected as Chair (April 28, 2023)**

**6.6 Natalie Hiltz Named as new Deputy Chief of the Greater Sudbury Police Service (May 3, 2023)**

**6.7 Thai Truong Named Next Chief of the London Police Services (May 1, 2023)**

**6.8 Correspondence from the City of Hamilton Clerks Office with regards to Per Diem for Members of Council Appointed to Other Bodies (April 17, 2023)**

- 6.9 Correspondence from Keith Beck with regards to How Hamilton Police Can Help Prevent Losing Affordable Housing and Homelessness (April 17, 2023)**
- 6.10 Correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General with respect to Upcoming Initiatives to Combat Auto Theft 23-0036 (May 8, 2023)**
- 6.11 Correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General with respect to Uniform Crime Reporting Survey - Implementation and Feedback Request 23-0037 (May 10, 2023)**
- 6.12 Correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General with regards to Retirement Notification - Ontario Major Case Management Provincial Lead Shelley Tarnowski 23-0038 (May 10, 2023)**
- 6.13 Correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General with regards to 2023-24 Mobile Crisis Response Team Enhancement Grant Call for Applications 23-0039 (May 12, 2023)**
- 6.14 Correspondence from Colin Watson, General Manager of Sheraton Hamilton Hotel with regards to Sheraton Hamilton Concerns (May 11, 2023)**
- 6.15 Correspondence from Olivera Radisic, General Manager of Homewood Suites by Hilton Hamilton with regards to recent CBC article (May 18, 2023)**
- 6.16 Correspondence from Staybridge Suites Hamilton - Downtown (May 19, 2023)**

## **7. Consent Agenda**

It was agreed that item 2 on the Outstanding Business List (listed on today's Consent Agenda as Item 7.4) be removed as this matter has been dealt with.

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved By: Member Kroetsch

Seconded By: Member Athulathmudali

That Consent Items listed as 7.1 through 7.4 be received, as amended.

**CARRIED**

## **7.1 Auction Account Requests for Support**

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

That ticket be purchased at a cost of \$250 each for participation in the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton's 2023 Gold Tournament taking place on September 12, 2023, to support addressing the significant life changing issues faced by youth in care related to food insecurity, homelessness and their challenges accessing mental health supports; and

That a donation of \$500 be made to the Bob Kemp Hike for Hospice taking place in June 2023, to support compassionate palliative care & bereavement support for children, adults and families; and

That a donation of \$500 be made to the Wesley's Case for Kids walk, run or ride at Bayfront Park on Sunday, June 4, 2023, to support programs providing housing, childcare, summer camps, nutrition support and refugee settlement; and

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

## **7.2 2022 Year End Report - Youth Crime (23-042)**

## **7.3 Health and Safety (23-048)**

## **7.4 Outstanding Business List as of May 25, 2023**

# **8. Discussion Agenda**

## **8.1 2022 Year End Report - Crisis Response Branch (23-044)**

Social Navigator Program Coordinator Sandra Kurdziel and Staff Sergeant Frank Miscione provided their presentation and answered questions of the Board.

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved By: Member Pauls

Seconded By: Vice Chair Bennink

That the 2022 Year End Report and Presentation on the Crisis Response Branch be received.

**CARRIED**

## **8.2 Race and Identity Based Data Strategy (23-049)**

Inspector Jim Callender and Manager of Analytics Chloe Nyitray provided their presentation and answered questions of the Board.

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved By: Vice Chair Bennink

Seconded By: Member Pauls

That the Race and Identity Based Data Strategy Report and Presentation be received.

**CARRIED**

### **8.3 Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) Project Update (23-051)**

Deputy Chief Paul Hamilton provided an update and answered questions of the Board on the Service's RPAS project.

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved By: Member Pauls

Seconded By: Vice Chair Bennink

That the Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) project update be received.

**CARRIED**

## **9. New Business**

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Kroetsch

Seconded by: Member Pauls

That the Administrator work with the Service on wording for a motion pertaining to the collection of data regarding Service Member workload analysis.

**CARRIED**

## **10. In Camera Meeting**

Moved By: Vice Chair Bennink

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 2:46 P.M.

**11. In Camera Report Back**

The Board returned to public session at 4:27 P.M.

Chair Mandy provided a report back from the Board's In Camera session which included the following:

- The Board approved In Camera minutes of April 27, 2023
- The Board dealt with personnel and legal matters in accordance with Section 35(4) of the *Police Services Act*

Moved By: Member Athulathmudali

Seconded By: Vice Chair Bennink

That the Chair's In Camera report back be received.

**CARRIED**

**12. Adjournment**

As there was no further business, the Board adjourned at 4:38 PM.

Moved By: Member Kroetsch

Seconded By: Member Athulathmudali

**CARRIED**

Taken as read and approved.

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Chair Pat Mandy

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Administrator Kirsten Stevenson