

**HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD
PUBLIC MINUTES**

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

Present: Chair Mandy
Vice Chair Bennink
Member Elms
Member Horwath (virtual)
Member Kroetsch
Member Menezes
Member Pauls (virtual)

Also Present: Chief Frank Bergen
Deputy Chief Ryan Diodati
Deputy Chief Paul Hamilton
Legal Counsel Marco Visentini
Inspectorate of Policing – Police Advisor David Tilley
Administrative Director Kirsten Stevenson
Board Assistant Lucia Romano

1. Call to Order

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

2. Acknowledgements

The Chair introduced Member Anjali Menezes who was recently appointed by the City as its citizen member to the Board.

The Chair announced Member Bennink's return to the Board as a Provincial appointee.

Member Menezes provided a land acknowledgment.

3. Election for the Position of Vice Chair

The Chair opened the floor to nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Board for the remainder of 2023.

It was moved by Member Menezes and seconded by Member Kroetsch that Member Kroetsch be nominated for the position of Vice Chair for the remainder of 2023. Member Kroetsch indicated he would stand for election.

It was moved by Member Elms and seconded by Member Pauls that Member Bennink be nominated for the position of Vice Chair for the remainder of 2023. Member Bennink indicated he would stand for election.

The Chair called for further nominations and none were made.

Resolution Number **231026 – 1a**

Moved By: Member Elms

Seconded By: Member Bennink

That nominations for the position of Vice Chair for the remainder of 2023 be closed.

CARRIED

Members and nominees provided comments on the nominations.

The Chair called the vote.

Members Bennink, Elms, Pauls and Chair Mandy voted in favour of Member Bennink.

Members Kroetsch and Menezes voted in favour of Member Kroetsch.

Member Horwath was not present at the time voting took place.

With the majority of votes, Member Bennink was elected as Vice Chair of the Hamilton Police Services Board for the remainder of 2023.

4. Approval of the Agenda

The Administrative Director noted the following changes to the agenda:

- Added consent agenda item 9.3 Auction Account Requests for Support
- Added recommendation item 10.2 Budget Committee Membership for the Remainder of 2023 (PSB 23-034)
- Added closed consent items 5.8, 5.9 and 5.10 pertaining to legal and personnel matters in accordance with Section 35(4) of the *Police Services Act*
- One item added to closed members only discussion pertaining to legal and personnel matters in accordance with Section 35(4) of the *Police Services Act*.

Resolution Number **231123 – 1b**

Moved By: Member Kroetsch

Seconded By: Vice Chair Bennink

That the agenda be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

5. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

6. Delegations, Presentations and Verbal Updates

6.1 Members of the Month

Chief Bergen called upon Inspector Callender to present the Member of the Month as follows:

Constable Stephen Hume.

6.2 Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Report Update (23-099)

Dr. Rahim Samnani provided his presentation and answered questions of the Board.

Resolution Number **231123 – 2**

Moved By: Member Elms

Seconded By: Member Pauls

That the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Report Update and presentation be received.

CARRIED

6.3 In-Car Camera Technology Report (23-101)

Sergeant Scott Moore provided his presentation and answered questions of the Board.

After discussion, Deputy Chief Hamilton noted a report will be provided to the Board at the December 14, 2023 meeting with regards to how the Service will meet Freedom of Information (FOI) requests and Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA) requirements.

Resolution Number **231123 – 3**

Moved By: Member Pauls

Seconded By: Member Horwath

That the In-Car Camera Technology report and presentation be received.

CARRIED

6.4 Board Chair Verbal Update

The Board Chair provided updates.

Resolution Number **231123 - 4**

Moved By: Member Pauls

Seconded By: Member Horwath

That the Board Chair updates be received.

CARRIED

6.5 Chief of Police Verbal Update

The Chief of Police provided updates.

Resolution Number **231123 - 5**

Moved By: Member Menezes

Seconded By: Vice Chair Bennink

That the Chief of Police updates be received.

CARRIED

7. Approval of the Minutes

7.1 Minutes of October 26, 2023

Resolution Number **231123 - 6**

Moved By: Vice Chair Bennink

Seconded By: Member Pauls

That the minutes of October 26, 2023, be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

8. Correspondence

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Resolution Number **231123 - 7**

Moved By: Member Elms

Seconded By: Member Pauls

That correspondence listed as items 8.1 through 8.5 be received.

CARRIED

- 8.1 Letter from the Office of the Chief Coroner and Ontario Forensics Pathology Service - Jury Recommendations for Implementation Regarding the Deaths of RYAN and RYAN (October 27, 2023)**
- 8.2 Correspondence from the Office of the Hamilton City Clerk - Receipt of Correspondence Related to Hamilton Police Service Projected Capital Expenditures 2024-2033 (November 1, 2023)**
- 8.3 Correspondence from the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police with Respect to Anti-Racism Policies (October 12, 2023)**
- 8.4 All Chiefs Memo - Crime Prevention Week 2023 - Provincial Theme and Approach 23-0073 (October 27, 2023)**
- 8.5 Thank You from Wesley - Open Annual Golf Tournament (October 30, 2023)**

9. Consent Agenda

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Resolution Number **231123 – 8a**

Moved By: Member Kroetsch

Seconded By: Member Elms

That consent item 9.1 be lifted from the consent agenda.

Resolution Number **231123 – 8b**

Moved By: Member Pauls

Seconded By: Member Horwath

That consent items 9.2 and 9.3 be received.

CARRIED

9.1 Correspondence to Hamilton Council from the Hamilton Police Services Board with respect to Surpluses and Deficits (October 27, 2023)

9.2 Outstanding Business List as of November 23, 2023

***9.3 Auction Account Requests for Support**

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

That a donation be made in the amount of \$500 to the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton for the annual "Give the Gift of Joy Holiday Campaign" in support of vulnerable communities in need during the holiday season; and

That this donation be taken from the Auction Account Fund.

The Board dealt with item 9.1, which was lifted for further discussion.

Resolution Number **231123 – 8c**

Moved By: Vice Chair Bennink

Seconded By: Member Pauls

That consent item 9.1 be received.

CARRIED

Member Kroetsch was noted as being opposed.

Member Menezes abstained from voting.

10. Recommendations

10.1 Governance Committee Report (from their November 7, 2023 meeting)

Member Elms presented the Governance Committee Report to the Board. After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Resolution Number **231123 - 9**

Moved By: Member Elms

Seconded By: Member Menezes

That the recommendations found in the Governance Committee's Report from their November 7, 2023 meeting be approved.

CARRIED

***10.2 Budget Committee Membership for the Remainder of 2023 (PSB 23-034)**

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Resolution Number **231123 - 10**

Moved By: Member Kroetsch

Seconded By: Member Elms

That the Board finalize nominations and appoint Member Menezes to the Budget Committee for the remainder of 2023.

CARRIED

11. Motions

None.

12. Closed Meeting

Resolution Number **231123 - 11**

Moved By: Vice Chair Bennink

Seconded By: Member Pauls

That the Board move into closed session 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 into closed session at 3:05 P.M.

13. Closed Meeting Report Back

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

- The Chair provided a report back and noted that during its closed session today:
- The Board approved the closed minutes of October 26, 2023; and
- Dealt with personnel and legal matters in accordance with Section 35.4 of the *Police Services Act*; and

Resolution Number **231123 - 19**

Moved By: Member Elms

Seconded By: Vice Chair Bennink

That the Chair's report back be received.

CARRIED

14. Adjournment

Resolution Number **231123 - 20**

Moved By: Member Elms

Seconded By: Vice Chair Bennink

As there was no further business, the Board adjourned at 4:29 P.M.

CARRIED

Taken as read and approved.

Chair Pat Mandy

Administrative Director
Kirsten Stevenson