

## MINUTES OF THE HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD

Thursday, December 16, 2021  
1:00 PM  
Virtual

The Police Services Board met.

Present: Chair Pat Mandy  
Vice Chair Fred Bennink  
Member Jackson  
Member Farr  
Member Partridge

Absent: Member Athulathmudali  
Member Elms

Also Present: Chief Frank Bergen  
Deputy Chief Ryan Diodati  
Deputy Chief Paul Hamilton  
Director of Finance / Chief Financial Officer John Randazzo  
Director of Human Resources Leanne Sneddon  
Legal Counsel Marco Visentini  
Staff Sergeant Sara Beck  
Administrator Kirsten Stevenson  
Retired Administrator Lois Morin

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order and a land acknowledgement was read:

I am pleased to be Chairing this meeting on the lands that my ancestors, the Mississaugas of the Credit people, have lived continuously on for over 1700 years.

Land acknowledgements are important and should be used as opportunities to learn about the rich history of this land. The City of Hamilton is home to Indigenous people from many nations.

It is also acknowledged that the Erie, Neutral, Huron Wanda and Haudenosaunee have lived here before.

Many Hamiltonians do not know that this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase 1792, between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

The Chair welcomed new Board Member Judi Partridge.

A moment of silence was observed to acknowledge the passing of Sergeant David Hartless.

### **1.1 Changes to the Agenda**

There was one change to the agenda:

Added Consent Item 5.11 Amended Year End Report - Crisis Response Branch 2020 (21-048a).

Moved By: Vice Chair Bennink

Seconded By: Member Partridge

That the agenda be approved, as amended.

**CARRIED**

## **2. Public Presentations & Deputations**

### **2.1 Member of the Month - October 2021**

Staff Sergeant Sara Beck presented the Member of the Month for October, 2021 as follows:

Constable Jason Sorbara

## **3. General**

### **3.1 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **4. Approval of the Minutes**

Moved By: Vice Chair Bennink

Seconded By: Member Farr

That the minutes of November 25, 2021 be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

## **5. Consent Items**

Moved by: Member Jackson

Seconded by: Member Partridge

That Consent Item 5.4 Resolution from the Canadian Association of Police Governance - Funding for Victims of Crime, be deferred to New Business Items.

**CARRIED**

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved By: Member Farr

Seconded By: Vice Chair Bennink

That the Consent Items listed as 5.1 through 5.3, and 5.5 through 5.11 be received and approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

### **5.1 Auction Account Request for Support**

That a donation amount in the amount of \$500 be made to the ProAction Cops & Kids 2021 Holiday Giving Campaign.

### **5.2 Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB) 2022 Membership Dues**

That the Hamilton Police Services Board's OAPSB membership dues for 2022 be approved in the amount of \$6,595.27.

### **5.3 Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) - Media Training Courses**

That the Board Chair and Vice-Chair be approved to attend Media Training Courses as provided through the CAPG.

### **5.5 Thank you from Good Shepherd - Pledge from the Heart Event**

### **5.6 Correspondence from Justin Aitcheson - An Opportunity to Build Trust (December 2, 2021)**

### **5.7 Correspondence from Emily Kulpaka with regards to Arrests and Responses to Encampment Support (December 2, 2021)**

### **5.8 Correspondence from Ani Chenier with regards to drop the charges against supporters of encampment residents (December 1, 2021)**

### **5.9 Correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General dated December 7, 2021 with regards to Virtual Reality Mental Health Crisis Response Training (VR-MHCRT) Registration for Municipal and First Nation Police Services**

**5.10 Outstanding Business List as of December 16, 2021**

**5.11 Amended Year End Report - Crisis Response Branch 2020 (21-048a)**

Chief Bergen noted that several statistics had not been updated in the original report and that this new report had been amended to reflect accurate data.

**6. Discussion Items**

**6.1 Community Safety and Well Being Plan Verbal Update**

Chief Bergen provided updates on the Community Safety and Well Being Plan.

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved By: Member Jackson

Seconded By: Member Farr

That the verbal updates be received as information.

**CARRIED**

**6.2 Chief of Police Verbal Update**

Chief Bergen provided verbal updates on McMaster's fake homecoming event and the Service's success in providing a safe venue for those attending the Grey Cup game during COVID.

Moved By: Member Partridge

Seconded By: Vice Chair Bennink

That the verbal updates be received as information.

**CARRIED**

**6.3 2022 Hamilton Police Service Operating & Capital Budgets (21-133)**

Vice Chair Bennink provided comments with regards to the 2022 Hamilton Police Service Operating and Capital Budgets.

Chief Bergen provided comments and answered questions of the Board.

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved By: Vice Chair Bennink

Seconded By: Member Farr

That the Hamilton Police Services Board (Board) approve the 2022 Hamilton Police Service (HPS) operating and capital budgets, representing a 3.94% increase over 2021.

**CARRIED**

**7. New Business**

(former Consent Item 5.4 Resolution from the Canadian Association of Police Governance - Funding for Victims of Crime)

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved By: Member Jackson

Seconded By: Member Partridge

That the Board endorse the correspondence from the Canadian Association of Police Governance, listed as Item 5.4 under Consent Items, pertaining to support for funding for victims of crime.

**CARRIED**

**8. Adjournment**

Moved By: Member Partridge

Seconded By: Vice Chair Bennink

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 2:38 PM.

**CARRIED**

Taken as read and approved.

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Chair Pat Mandy

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Administrator Kirsten Stevenson