

**HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE BOARD
PUBLIC MINUTES**

Thursday, April 25, 2024
Hybrid Meeting
1:03 P.M.

Present: Acting Chair Fred Bennink
Member Horwath
Member Pauls
Member Menezes

Absent with regrets: Member Elms
Member Kroetsch
Member Robertson

Also Present: Chief Frank Bergen
Deputy Chief Ryan Diodati
Deputy Chief Paul Hamilton
Legal Counsel Marco Visentini
Administrative Director Kirsten Stevenson
Board Assistant Lucia Romano

Due to technical barriers, the Board was not able to livestream to their website, but instead livestreamed to their YouTube account. A recording of this meeting can be viewed via the link: [Youtube.com - Hamilton Police Service Board](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC11)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 PM.
The Administrative Director confirmed quorum.

2. Acknowledgements

Member Pauls provided the land acknowledgement.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The Administrative Director noted the following changes to the agenda:

- Added public correspondence item 7.7 from Joshua Weresch

- Added closed consent item 3.10 related to personal matters about an identifiable individual

Added or revised items are noted with an '*'.

Resolution Number **240425 – 1**

Moved By: Member Pauls

Seconded By: Member Menezes

That the agenda be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

4. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

Member Pauls declared a conflict of interest regarding closed agenda item 3.1 pertaining to personal matters about an identifiable individual.

5. Delegations, Presentations and Verbal Updates

5.1 Members of the Month

The Hamilton Police Service's Records and Communications Branches were recognized for their outstanding service.

5.2 Board Chair Verbal Update

Acting Chair Bennink provided his updates.

Resolution Number **240425 – 2**

Moved By: Member Menezes

Seconded By: Member Horwath

That the board Chair updates be received.

CARRIED

5.3 Chief of Police Verbal Update

The Chief of Police provided his updates.

Resolution Number **240425 – 3**

Moved By: Member Pauls

Seconded By: Member Horwath

That the Chief of Police updates be received.

CARRIED

5.4 Administrative Director Verbal Update

The Administrative Director provided her updates.

Resolution Number **240425 – 4**

Moved By: Member Pauls

Seconded By: Member Horwath

That the Administrative Director updates be received.

CARRIED

6. Approval of the Minutes

6.1 Public Minutes of March 28, 2024

Resolution Number **240425 – 5**

Moved By: Member Menezes

Seconded By: Member Horwath

That the minutes of March 28, 2024, be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

7. Correspondence

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Resolution Number **240425 – 6**

Moved By: Member Pauls

Seconded By: Member Menezes

That correspondence listed as items 7.1 through 7.7 be received.

CARRIED

- 7.1 **London Police Service Board News Release - Treena MacSween Named Deputy Chief of the London Police Service (April 11, 2024)**
- 7.2 **Message from Inspector General of Policing Ryan Teschner (April 2, 2024)**
- 7.3 **All Chiefs Memo - New Developments Concerning the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 24-0020 (March 28, 2024)**
- 7.4 **All Chiefs Memo - Ontario Immediate Family Wellness Program 24-0024 (April 5, 2024)**
- 7.5 **All Chiefs Memo - Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) and the Federal Cannabis Act (CA) - Issuance of Revised Ministerial Designations 24-0025 (April 9, 2024)**
- 7.6 **Thank You from Good Shepherd Regarding 2024 Emmanuel House Fundraiser (April 9, 2024)**
- *7.7 **Correspondence from Joshua Weresch respecting Letter to the Police Service Board (April 20, 2024)**

8. Consent Agenda

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Resolution Number **240425 – 7**

Moved By: Member Horwath

Seconded By: Member Menezes

That consent items listed as 8.1 through 8.5, be received.

CARRIED

8.1 Auction Account Requests for Support

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

That tickets at a cost of \$175 each be purchased to participate in the Interval House of Hamilton 'Drives for Lives 22nd Annual Golf Tournament' taking place on June 5, 2024, at Century Pines Golf Club, in support of programs and services for women and their children experiencing violence; and

That tickets at a cost of \$200 each be purchased to participate in the Canadian Mental Health Association (Hamilton branch) 'Hole Out fore H.O.P.E.' taking place on June 7, 2024, at Kings Forest Golf Club to

support services and advocacy for those suffering with serious mental illness; and

That tickets at a cost of \$65 each be purchased to attend the Hamilton Police Pipe Band 'Rise Again' concert taking place on May 25, 2024, at the Scottish Rite in Hamilton; and

That a donation of \$500 be made to the Kemp Care Network '20th Annual Hike for Hospice' taking place on June 15, 2024, at T.B. McQuesten Community Park to support compassionate palliative care & bereavement support for children, adults and families; and

That these tickets and donations be purchased from the Auction Account Fund.

- 8.2 2023 Year End Report - McMaster University Special Constables (24-028)**
- 8.3 2023 Year End Report - Traffic Statistics (24-029)**
- 8.4 Missing Person Urgent Demands (24-034)**
- 8.5 Outstanding Business List as of April 25, 2024**

9. Recommendations

9.1 Digital Evidence Management System (22-096a)

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Resolution Number **240425 – 8**

Moved By: Member Pauls

Seconded By: Member Menezes

That the Board approve the updated Axon Digital Evidence Management System (DEMs) contract, a 5-year contract for licensing and storage fees.

CARRIED

9.2 Rampart International Corporation - Procurement Policy #11 Non-Competitive Procurement Approval (24-026)

Resolution Number **240425 – 9**

Moved By: Member Horwath

Seconded By: Member Pauls

- a) That the Board approve the single source procurement of Colt Canada carbine patrol rifles (carbine) and accessories from Rampart International Corp. (Rampart) pursuant to Procurement Policy #11 Non-Competitive Procurements, until December 31, 2028.
- b) That the Chief of Police be authorized to negotiate, enter into and execute any required contract and any ancillary documents required to give effect thereto with, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

CARRIED

9.3 Police Video Recording Technology Update & Recommendation - Body-worn Cameras (24-031)

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

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Resolution Number **240425 – 10**

Moved By: Member Pauls

Seconded By: Member Horwath

That report 24-031 Police Video Recording Technology Update and Recommendation – Body-worn Cameras be tabled to the next regular meeting of the Board.

CARRIED

9.4 2023 Year End Report - Hate/Bias Crime Statistical Report (24-038)

Detective Constable Lyndsay Scott - Hate Crime Investigator, Jas Dhillon - Community Relations Coordinator, and Kirsten Morrison of Victim Services provided their presentation and answered questions of the Board.

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Resolution Number **240425 – 11**

Moved By: Member Pauls

Seconded By: Member Menezes

That the 2023 Year End Hate Crime Statistical report and presentation be received.

CARRIED

9.5 Establishing Board Policies Related to the Community Safety and Policing Act (PSB 24-012)

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Resolution Number **240425 – 12**

Moved By: Member Horwath

Seconded By: Member Pauls

That the Board approve the following new policies: Board Member Education and Event Participation Policy (attached as Appendix A to this report) and Police Facility Policy (attached as Appendix B to this report).

CARRIED

Member Menezes was noted as being opposed.

10. Motions

Acting Chair Bennink announced this will be his last board meeting.

10.1 Motion to Amend the Agenda

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Resolution Number **240425 – 13**

Moved By: Member Menezes

Seconded By: Member Pauls

That the Board approve amending the agenda to include an added motion respecting identifying a signing authority during the period where the Board is without a Chair and Vice Chair.

CARRIED

10.2 Motion to Appoint a Temporary Board Signing Authority

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Resolution Number **240425 – 14**

Moved By: Member Horwath

Seconded By: Member Pauls

WHEREAS the Hamilton Police Service Board (Board) will be without a Chair or Vice Chair effective May 2, 2024; and

WHEREAS the Board may not be able to hold an election for the position of Chair and Vice Chair of the Board due to lack of quorum for an unknown period of time; and

WHEREAS certain documents may require Board signatures in advance of the Board holding a meeting to elect a Chair and Vice Chair;

Therefore be it resolved that:

- a) During the time period in which the Board does not have a Chair or Vice Chair, Member Horwath be authorized to sign all documentation for and on behalf of the Board including but not limited to: by-laws, agreements, purchases, resolutions and minutes which have been approved by the Board; and
- b) That the Administrative Director of the Board continue to be able to sign as a secondary signee on all documentation noted above as per the Board's Procedural By-law 24-001 Section 5.2; and
- c) That documents signed by Member Horwath and the Administrative Director during this interim period will be brought forward to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board for ratification.

CARRIED

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Resolution Number **240425 – 15**

Moved By: Member Menezes

Seconded By: Member Pauls

That the Board meeting scheduled for May 23, 2024, be cancelled, due to a lack of quorum.

CARRIED

11. Closed Meeting

Resolution Number **240425 – 16**

Moved By: Member Pauls

Seconded By: Member Horwath

That the Board move into closed session in accordance with Section 44(2) of the *Community Safety and Policing Act* to discuss:

- a) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including members of the police service or any other employees of the board;

- b) Litigation or potential litigation affecting the board, including matters before administrative tribunals; and
- c) A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization.

CARRIED

12. Closed Meeting Report Back

During its closed meeting the Board approved its closed minutes of March 28, 2024, and dealt with items in accordance with Section 44(2) of the *Community Safety and Policing Act*.

Resolution Number **240425 – 23**

Moved By: Member Horwath

Seconded By: Member Pauls

That the Chair's report back be received.

CARRIED

13. Adjournment

Resolution Number **240425 – 24**

Moved By: Member Horwath

Seconded By: Member Menezes

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 P.M.

CARRIED

Taken as read and approved.

Board Chair

Administrative Director
Kirsten Stevenson