

**HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE BOARD
PUBLIC MINUTES**

Thursday, February 20, 2025
Hybrid Meeting
1:00 P.M.

Present: Chair Robertson
Vice Chair Pauls
Member Elms
Member Horwath (virtual)
Member Menezes
Member Padulo

Absent with regrets: Member Kroetsch

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
Administrative Assistant Lucia Romano

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 PM and the Administrative Director confirmed quorum.

Chair Robertson introduced the Board's new provincially appointed Member, Shaun Padulo.

2. Acknowledgements

Vice Chair Pauls provided the land acknowledgement.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The Administrative Director noted the following changes to the agenda:

- Added delegations, presentations and verbal updates item 5.1 - Members of the Month

- Added correspondence item 8.10 - Hamilton Police Service Media Release - Hamilton Police Service Holds Race and Identity Based Data Community Information Session (February 5, 2025)
- Added revised recommendation item 10.3 - Ammunition Procurement (25-010)
- Added closed discussion item 7.1 respecting:
 - 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.

Resolution Number **250220 - 1**

Moved By: Vice Chair Pauls

Seconded By: Member Padulo

That the agenda be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

4. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

5. Delegations, Presentations and Verbal Updates

5.1 Members of the Month

Inspector Doerr presented the Member of the Month as follows:

December 2024 - Constable Ivan Svec.

5.2 Delegation by Jelena Vermilion, Executive Director of the Sex Workers' Action Program (SWAP) Hamilton

This delegation was approved at the Board's December 2024 meeting.

The Chair introduced Jelena Vermilion, Executive Director of the Sex Workers' Action Program of Hamilton, who provided her delegation to the Board and answered questions of members.

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Resolution Number **250220 - 2**

Moved By: Member Elms

Seconded By: Member Menezes

That the delegation from Jelena Vermilion be received.

CARRIED

5.3 Board Chair Verbal Update

Chair Robertson provided his update.

As this was Member Elms' last meeting with the Hamilton Police Service Board, Chair Robertson recognized his contributions.

Resolution Number **250220 - 3**

Moved By: Vice Chair Pauls

Seconded By: Member Padulo

That the Chair's verbal update be received.

CARRIED

5.4 Chief of Police Verbal Update

The Chief provided his update and answered questions of the Board.

Resolution Number **250220 - 4**

Moved By: Member Elms

Seconded By: Member Menezes

That the Chief's verbal update be received.

CARRIED

5.5 Administrative Director Verbal Update

The Administrative Director provided her update.

Resolution Number **250220 - 5**

Moved By: Member Padulo

Seconded By: Member Elms

That the Administrative Director's verbal update be received.

CARRIED

6. 2025 Budget and Governance Committee Appointments

Chair Robertson called for volunteers for the 2025 Budget and Governance Committees.

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Resolution Number **250220 - 6**

Moved By: Chair Robertson

Seconded By: Member Elms

That Vice Chair Pauls and Member Padulo be appointed to sit on the 2025 Budget Committee and that Members Horwath and Menezes be appointed to sit on the 2025 Governance Committee.

CARRIED

7. Approval of the Minutes

7.1 Public Minutes of January 24, 2025

Resolution Number **250220 - 7**

Moved By: Member Elms

Seconded By: Vice Chair Pauls

That the public minutes of January 24, 2025, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

8. Correspondence

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Resolution Number **250220 - 8**

Moved By: Member Elms

Seconded By: Member Padulo

That correspondence items listed as 8.1 through 8.10 be received.

CARRIED

8.1 All Chiefs Memo - Recommended Best Practices and Requirements to Support Enforcement of the Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act, 2019, 25-0004 (January 20, 2025)

8.2 All Chiefs Memo - Missing Persons Act, 2018 - 2024 Annual Report and Training Supports 25-0008 (January 30, 2025)

- 8.3 Demand for An Answer for Erixon Kabera from the Rwandan Community Abroad Toronto (RCA) (February 2, 2025)
 - 8.3.1 Response from Chief Bergen to the Rwandan Community Abroad Toronto (February 3, 2025)
- 8.4 Durham Police Service Board Media Release - Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board for 2025 (January 22, 2025)
- 8.5 Durham Police Service Board Media Release - Appointment to the Police Service Board - Mr. John Fahey (January 22, 2025)
- 8.6 Ottawa Police Service Board Media Release - Salim Fakirani and Marty Carr re-elected as Chair and Vice Chair of the Ottawa Police Service Board (January 28, 2025)
- 8.7 Halton Police Service Board Announcement of 2025 Chair and Vice-Chair (January 31, 2025)
- 8.8 York Police Service Board Media Release - Passing of York Regional Police Service Board Member (January 31, 2025)
- 8.9 Windsor Police Service Board Media Release - Chief Jason Bellaire Announces Retirement from Windsor Police Service (February 5, 2025)
- 8.10 Hamilton Police Service Media Release - Hamilton Police Service Holds Race and Identity Based Data Community Information Session (February 13, 2025)

9. Consent Agenda

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Resolution Number **250220 - 9**

Moved By: Member Elms

Seconded By: Vice Chair Pauls

That consent items listed as 9.1 through 9.6, be received.

CARRIED

9.1 Auction Account Requests for Funding and Support (PSB 25-004)

- a) That a donation of \$500 be made to the Kemp Care Network for their 'Annual Hike for Hospice' fundraiser taking place on June 14, 2025, at Christie Lake Conservation Area in support of palliative care and bereavement services for children, adults, and families; and

b) That funding for the approved event be taken from the Auction Account.

9.2 2024 Year End Report - Hamilton Police Service Board Auction Account (25-006)

9.3 Interprovincial Policing Act, 2009 (25-005)

9.4 Body-Worn Camera Implementation (25-008)

9.5 Hamilton Police Service Board Media Release - Hamilton Police Service Board Announces Chair and Vice Chair for 2025 (January 28, 2025)

9.6 Outstanding Business List as of February 20, 2025

10. Recommendations

10.1 Reward for Information - Unsolved Homicide, Alexander Circiumaru (25-009)

Resolution Number **250220 - 10**

Moved By: Member Padulo

Seconded By: Member Elms

a) That the Hamilton Police Service Board authorize a reward in the amount of \$50,000.00 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the murder of Alexander Circiumaru.

b) That 20% of the reward money offered be transferred to Police Reward Reserve Account #11225, for a total of \$10,000.00.

CARRIED

10.2 Revisions to the Governance Committee's Terms of Reference (PSB 25-005)

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Resolution Number **250220 - 11**

Moved By: Member Padulo

Seconded By: Vice Chair Pauls

That revisions be made to the Board Governance Committee's Terms of Reference as noted in Appendix 'A' to this report.

CARRIED

10.3 Ammunition Procurement (25-010)

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Resolution Number **250220 - 12**

Moved By: Member Padulo

Seconded By: Vice Chair Pauls

- a) That the Board approve the single source procurement for the purchase of ammunition to Olin Canada ULC, Rampart International Corp. and Lloyd Libke Law Enforcement Sales Inc. pursuant to Procurement Policy #11 Non-competitive Procurement until December 31, 2025.
- b) That the Board authorize the Chief of Police to negotiate, enter and execute any required Contract and any ancillary documents required.

CARRIED

11. Motions

There were no motions.

12. Closed Meeting

Resolution Number **250220 - 13**

Moved By: Member Padulo

Seconded By: Member Elms

That the Board move into closed session in accordance with Section 44(1) and (2) of the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*, to discuss:

- a) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including members of the police service or any other employee of the board;
- b) Litigation or potential litigation affecting the board, including matters before administrative tribunals.

CARRIED

Member Elms left the meeting prior to the Board moving into closed session due to a previous commitment.

The Board moved into closed session at 2:31 PM.

The Board returned to public session at 4:05 PM.

13. Closed Meeting Report Back

During its closed meeting the Board approved its closed minutes of January 24, 2025, and dealt with personnel and legal matters in accordance with Section 44(1) and (2) of the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*.

Resolution Number **250220 - 20**

Moved By: Vice Chair Pauls

Seconded By: Member Horwath

That the closed meeting report back be received.

CARRIED

14. Adjournment

Resolution Number **250220 - 21**

Moved By: Member Menezes

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:06 PM.

CARRIED

Taken as read and approved.

Chair Don Robertson

Administrative Director
Kirsten Stevenson