

MINUTES OF THE HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD

Friday, May 21, 2021
1:01 PM
Virtual Meeting

The Police Services Board met.

There were present: Fred Bennink, Vice Chair
Mel Athulathmudali
Chad Collins
Robert Elms
Tom Jackson
Pat Mandy

Also present: Chief Frank Bergen
Deputy Chief Ryan Diodati
Anna Filice, Chief Administrative Officer
Marco Visentini, Legal Counsel
Leanne Sneddon, Director, Human Resources
John Randazzo, Director, Finance / Chief Financial Officer
Greg Doerr, Staff Sergeant
Jon Curtis, Acting Staff Sergeant
Sandra Kurdziel
Jay Tadeson, Sergeant
Kirsten Stevenson, Administrator
Lois Morin, Retired Administrator

Absent with regrets: Fred Eisenberger, Chair

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Bennink called the meeting to order and read an acknowledgement:

The Hamilton Police Services Board is meeting on the traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, HuronWendat, Haudenosaunee and Mississaugas. This land is covered by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, which was an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabek to share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. It was further acknowledged that this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase, 1792, between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. The City of Hamilton is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island (North America) and it was recognized that we must do more to learn about the rich history of this land so that we can better understand our roles as residents, neighbours, partners and caretakers.

1.1 Changes to the Agenda

The following items were added to Consent Items listed under 'For the Information of the Board':

- 4.4.k. Correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General dated May 12, 2021 with regards to All Chiefs Memo - Second Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine for Frontline Police Officers and Special Constables (21-0052)
- 4.4.l. Correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General dated May 14, 2021 with regards to All Chiefs Memo - Changes to the Ontario Sex Offender Registry (21-0053)
- 4.4.m. Correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General dated May 17, 2021 with regards to All Chiefs Memo - Provincial Antigen Screening Program (21-0055)
- 4.4.n. Correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General dated May 17, 2021 with regards to All Chiefs Memo - Launch of OIPRD Service-by-Service Page (21-0056)

After discussion the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Mandy
Seconded by: Member Elms

That the agenda for the Hamilton Police Services Board public meeting be amended, as adopted.

CARRIED.

2. Public Presentations & Deputations

2.1 Deputation from David Broom with regards to Care and Deaths in Long Term Care and Retirement Homes

David Broom provided his deputation to the Board.

After discussion the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Athulathmudali
Seconded by: Member Elms

That the Board receive the deputation as information;

And that the Chief report back to the Board at a future meeting to provide more fulsome comments on Care and Deaths in Long Term Care and Retirement Homes.

CARRIED.

The Board requested David Broom provide a copy of his written deputation to the Board Administrator for circulation to Board members as well as Chief Bergen.

2.2 Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan - Verbal Update

Member Mandy and Chief Bergen provided verbal updates related to the Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan.

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Athulathmudali

Seconded by: Member Elms

That the verbal updates be received as information.

CARRIED.

2.3 COVID-19 - Verbal Update

Deputy Diodati and CAO Filice provided verbal updates on COVID-19.

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Mandy

Seconded by: Member Collins

That the verbal updates be received as information.

CARRIED.

2.4 Member of the Month - April 2021

Staff Sergeant Greg Doerr presented the Member of the Month as follows:

April 2021: Constable Victoria Przerwa - ACTION

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Collins

Seconded by: Member Athulathmudali

That the presentation be received as information.

CARRIED.

3. General

3.1 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Consent Items

4.1 Adoption of the Minutes - April 23, 2021

Moved by: Member Elms

Seconded by: Member Mandy

That the public minutes of the Board's April 23, 2021 be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

4.2 Approval of the Consent Items

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Mandy

Seconded by: Member Elms

That Item 4.3 Correspondence from the Constituency Office of Deepak Anand, MPP Mississauga Malton dated May 3, 2021 with regard to Bill 231 (Protecting Ontarians by Enhancing Gas Station Safety to Prevent Gas & Dash Act, 2020) be lifted from the Consent Items.

CARRIED.

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Elms

Seconded by: Member Athulathmudali

That the consent items listed as 4.4.a through 4.4.n be received as information.

CARRIED.

4.4 For the Information of the Board

4.4.a. Auction Account Expenditures: December 8, 2020 – April 30, 2021 (21-044)

4.4.b. Year-End Report - False Alarm Reduction Unit (21-053)

4.4.c. 2021 – Digital Evidence Management System (21-055)

4.4.d. Board Vice-Chair Bennink's Conference Findings - Canadian Association of Police Governance April 2021 Webinar Body Worn Cameras and the Policy Considerations for Police Governance

4.4.e. Correspondence from McMaster Students Union with regards to providing the Board with a copy of their written deputation (deputation given at the Board's February 26, 2021 meeting)

(A copy of this written deputation was forwarded to the CSWBP Committee for consideration on April 28, 2021)

- 4.4.f. Correspondence from the City of Hamilton dated April 20, 2021 with regards to Correspondence from the Hamilton Police Services Board respecting the Feasibility of Launching Project 529 (to reduce bike theft) in the City of Hamilton
- 4.4.g. Correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General dated April 26, 2021 with regards to Proposed Regulations under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (21-0047)
- 4.4.h. Correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General dated May 5, 2021 with regards to All Chiefs Memo 2021 – 21-0051 — Phase 2 COVID-19 Vaccinations for Frontline Police Officers (21-0051)
- 4.4.i. Correspondence from Crime Stoppers of Hamilton dated April 14, 2021 Letter of Thanks
- 4.4.j. Outstanding Business List as of May 21, 2021
- 4.4.k. Correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General dated May 12, 2021 with regards to All Chiefs Memo - Second Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine for Frontline Police Officers and Special Constables (21-0052)
- 4.4.l. Correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General dated May 14, 2021 with regards to All Chiefs Memo - Changes to the Ontario Sex Offender Registry (21-0053)
- 4.4.m. Correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General dated May 17, 2021 with regards to All Chiefs Memo - Provincial Antigen Screening Program (21-0055)
- 4.4.n. Correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General dated May 17, 2021 with regards to All Chiefs Memo - Launch of OIPRD Service-by-Service (21-0056)

(Item 4.3 was lifted from the Consent Items)

- 4.3 Correspondence from the Constituency Office of Deepak Anand, MPP Mississauga Malton dated May 3, 2021 with regard to Bill 231 (*Protecting Ontarians by Enhancing Gas Station Safety to Prevent Gas & Dash Act, 2020*)

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Mandy

Seconded by: Member Jackson

That the Board forward correspondence to the Constituency Office of Deepak Anand, MPP Mississauga Malton with regards to their correspondence to the Board dated May 3, 2021 stating the Board is satisfied with the current directions of the Hamilton Police Service.

CARRIED.

5. Discussion Items

5.1. Correspondence from the City of Hamilton dated April 20, 2021 with regards to Bill 148, *Doored But Not Ignored Act, 2019*

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Jackson

Seconded by: Member Collins

That the Board refer correspondence from the City of Hamilton dated April 20, 2021 with regards to Bill 148, Doored But Not Ignored Act, 2019 to the Chief of Police; and

That the Chief of Police provide a report back to the Board after public consultation on this matter.

CARRIED.

5.2. Year-End Report - Youth Crime 2020 (21-047) (Presentation to be provided)

Sergeant Jason Tadeson provided a presentation with regards to Year-End Report Youth Crime 2020.

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Jackson

Seconded by: Pat Mandy

That the Year-End Report – Youth Crime 2020 (21-047) and presentation be received as information.

CARRIED.

5.3. Year-End Report - Crisis Response Branch 2020 (21-048) (Presentation to be provided)

Acting Staff Sergeant Jon Curtis and Sandra Kurdziel provided a presentation with regards to Year-End Report - Crisis Response Branch 2020.

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member Athulathmudali

Seconded by: Member Mandy

That the Year-End Report – Crisis Response Branch 2020 (21-048) report and presentation be received as information.

CARRIED.

6. New Business

6.1 Opioid Crisis

Member Collins provided an account of a discussion he had with a constituent who was very thankful for the Hamilton Police Service's involvement in responding to a relative in a time of crisis, who required medication attention due to an addiction issue they were struggling with. Member Collins requested information from the Service with regards to officer use of medication to combat overdoses, the success of these medications in treating overdoses and information pertaining to partnerships between officers and other responders in dealing with the opioid epidemic.

Chief Bergen provided information with regards to how the Service responds to opioid overdoses as well as opioid-related programs the Service supports.

After discussion, the Chief stated that information pertaining to opioid-related incidents and programs will be included regularly for the Board's information in future Community Safety & Wellbeing updates.

6.2 Wanted Fugitive Timothy Lee Moroz

Member Jackson and Chief Bergen discussed details pertaining to wanted fugitive 47 year old Timothy Lee Moroz, AKA Ryder Moroz. Moroz is a high risk offender with a history of sex offences and is currently facing charges for possession of child pornography x 2 and failure to comply with a court order. If observed, the public is asked to call 9-1-1.

7. Adjournment

Moved by: Member Collins

Seconded by: Member Mandy

That there being no further business, the public portion of the meeting adjourned at 3:02 PM.

CARRIED.

Taken as read and approved.

Kirsten Stevenson
Administrator

Fred Bennink
Police Services Board Vice Chair