

Peterborough Police Services Board

October 22nd 2019 – Public Minutes

Minutes of the public meeting of the Peterborough Police Services Board held in the Ann Cuthbertson Room and the Hugh Waddell Boardroom.

Members Present: Councillor Gary Baldwin, Chair
Mayor Diane Therrien
Mr. Mark Graham

Also Present: Scott Gilbert, Chief of Police
Tim Farquharson, Deputy Chief of Police
Niquel Pritchard Pataki, Executive Assistant

Regrets: Mr. Ken East, Vice Chair
Mr. Bob Hall
Councillor Anita Locke, Advisor for Lakefield
Mayor Scott McFadden, Advisor for Cavan Monaghan

1. The Chair called the meeting to order. (4:35 PM)

2. Approval To Go In-Camera

Moved by Diane Therrien
Seconded by Mark Graham

That the Peterborough Police Services Board move in-camera to discuss items contained in the agenda package. –
CARRIED

Police Services Act:

35 (4): The board may exclude the public from all or part of a meeting or hearing if it is of the opinion that,

- (a) matters involving public security may be disclosed and, having regard to the circumstances, the desirability of avoiding their disclosure in the public interest outweighs the desirability of adhering to the principle that proceedings be open to the public; or
- (b) intimate financial or personal matters or other matters may be disclosed of such a nature, having regard to the circumstances, that the desirability of avoiding their disclosure in the interest of any person affected or in the public interest outweighs the desirability of adhering to the principle that proceedings be open to the public. R.S.O. 1990, c. P.15, s. 35.

The Chair reconvened the public meeting at 6:10 PM.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Diane Therrien
Seconded by Mark Graham

That the agenda of the Peterborough Police Services Board's public meeting of October 22nd 2019 be approved as amended. –
CARRIED

The Board deferred agenda item #14 to the November 5th meeting.

4. A declaration of conflict of interest was not noted.

5. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Mark Graham
Seconded by Diane Therrien

That the public Minutes of the September 17th and the October 1st meetings be approved as circulated. –
CARRIED

6. Chief's Remarks

Moved by Diane Therrien
Seconded by Mark Graham

That the Board receive the Chief's verbal remarks. –
CARRIED

Chief Gilbert informed the Board that he is working with the City solicitor on red light cameras and speed control measures. We are obtaining information from Toronto and have a meeting set for November.

7. Chair's Remarks

Moved by Mark Graham
Seconded by Diane Therrien

That the Board receive the Chair's verbal remarks. –
CARRIED

Gary Baldwin said the OAPSB Labour Conference was well attended and worthwhile.

8. Delegations: DBIA

Moved by Diane Therrien
Seconded by Mark Graham

That the Board receive the deputation from Terry Guiel, Executive Director of the DBIA. –
CARRIED

Mr. Guiel explained that he was in attendance to discuss the need for more foot patrol downtown and that the Board needs to keep the new police station downtown or in a central location. Also with him was Desmond Vandenberg, the owner of the Black Horse Pub.

Terry Guiel highlighted the following:

- More officers are needed downtown for at least six months of the year not just the summer. Recognition that this is not just a policing matter but there are socio-economic issues as well. A robust plan is also needed from the city, social services and the CMHA.
- His members are still feeling the effects of those tenting in the park over the summer as many saw a drop in revenue and several are on the verge of closing their businesses.
- Sometimes his members feel the police have abandoned them; however, he believes the police are doing what they can with the resources they have.
- He will advocate to the City for additional officers for the Service.
- There is concern about the location of a new station not being in the downtown or in a central location with the need for six acres of land and a one story build as indicated by the consultants in June.
- The new station must be downtown close to the courthouses and other services.
- The GE property may be an option. An opportunity was missed with the church property. The DBIA are here to help as are the local developers.
- A definitive statement from the Board is needed that says the station will remain downtown.
- The DBIA can only support a new build if it is downtown or in a central location. He will rally the members to oppose any such plans that take a new station outside of that area.

Chief Gilbert explained that there is an officer on foot patrol in the downtown on each shift. There are challenges with staffing. We are opening a downtown sub-station year round with financial assistance from the City. The consultants have looked at other options for the station and discussions are ongoing.

Diane Therrien added that many good things are happening. The City has been successful moving many people into housing.

Deputy Chief Farquharson said the City, County and Service did a great deal of work over the summer regarding the tents in the parks. There was no bylaw in place because it had not been an issue before. The City asked us what we needed, we told them two officers on foot patrol would help and they gave us funding. There have been successes. We realize how important the downtown is.

Mark Graham asked where the officers are on Thursday to Saturday nights from 11:00 PM to 3:00 AM.

Inspector John Lyons said they are in the downtown core but we also have to protect the other areas of the City.

Chief Gilbert explained that officers are deployed where they are needed. When the bars let out we need transportation to take people home.

Gary Baldwin asked Terry Guiel if he is going to make a presentation to Council to advocate for more officers.

He said he will consider it.

The meeting was moved upstairs to the Hugh Waddell Boardroom. (7:04 PM)

9. Correspondence

Moved by Diane Therrien
Seconded by Mark Graham

That the following correspondence be received as one omnibus motion:

a) Ministry of the Solicitor General

- i) The increased speed limits on three sections of Ontario's highways.
- ii) The approval to use electronic proof of auto insurance.
- iii) The allocation request from the Ontario Police College for the January 8 to April 1 intake.
- iv) The provincial theme and approach to Crime Prevention Week which is taking place from November 3rd to 9th.
- v) The provincial rail summit being held on November 18th which will introduce the new Ontario Collaborative Protocol for Rail Death Investigations.
- vi) The changes to the procedures regarding toxicology court testimony and the acceptance criteria for Letters of Opinion from the Centre of Forensic Sciences.
- vii) The announcement that OPP Superintendent Steve Clegg has been appointed as the new Director of the Criminal Intelligence Service Ontario (CISO).

b) Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG)

- i) The election results from the September 28th Board meeting and the approved resolutions from the 30th Annual AGM in Calgary.
- ii) The October 29th webinar about First Nations Police Services being brought under the **Police Services Act**.

c) City of Peterborough

The September 25th letter and motion from Council regarding a report from City Staff, the Police Service and Board on speed control measures.

d) Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB) - Zone 3

The notice about the fall zone meeting taking place on November 6th at 10:00 AM being hosted by the Nottawasaga Police Services Board. –

CARRIED

10. 3rd Quarter Auction Fund Report

Moved by Mark Graham
Seconded by Diane Therrien

That the Board receive the 3rd quarter auction fund report from the Executive Assistant. –

CARRIED

11. 2018 Statsa) Staffing Ratios, Criminal Code Offences Per Officer, Cost per Capita and per Household

Moved by Mark Graham
Seconded by Diane Therrien

That the Board receive the following statistics for 2018 from the Executive Assistant:

- The cop to pop ratio.
- The civilian ratio.
- The police personnel ratio.
- The criminal code offences per officer.
- The cost per capita.
- The cost per household.–

CARRIED

The low cop to pop ratio for the Service was discussed especially in comparison with our direct comparators Brantford and Chatham Kent.

b) Crime Severity Indexes for 2018 and Crime Stats from 2004 - 2018

Moved by Diane Therrien
Seconded by Mark Graham

That the Board receive the information on the crime severity indexes for 2018 and the crime stats from 2004 – 2018 from the Executive Assistant. –

CARRIED

The clearance rate for the Service was highlighted as it is one of the top six in the province even with the low cop to pop ratio.

12. Finance/Budget Committee: 3rd Quarter Financial Reportsa) 3rd Quarter Financial Report for the Service

Moved by Diane Therrien
Seconded by Mark Graham

That the Board receive the third quarter financial report for the Service from Tia Nguyen, Finance Manager, and Chief Gilbert. –

CARRIED

Chief Gilbert said that over time and call out have increased due to Members being off on sick leave or injury.

b) 3rd Quarter Financial Report for the Board

Moved by Mark Graham
Seconded by Diane Therrien

That the Board receive the third quarter financial report from the Executive Assistant regarding the Board's operating accounts. –
CARRIED

13. Policy/Planning Committee – Working Group Update

Moved by Diane Therrien
Seconded by Mark Graham

That the Board receive the verbal update from Diane Therrien regarding the October 1st working group meeting to discuss the various transportation bylaws. –
CARRIED

Diane Therrien explained that consensus of the Committee is to consolidate all three bylaws. The City's solicitor, David Potts, is working on a draft which is expected by mid-November.

14. Frequency of Board Meetings in 2020

This matter was deferred to the November 5th meeting.

15. Consent to Start the Hiring Process for the Additional Positions in the 2020 Budget

Moved by Diane Therrien
Seconded by Mark Graham

That the Board receive the information from the Executive Assistant and authorize Chief Gilbert to start the recruitment process now for the three additional positions in 2020 with the understanding that offers of employment will not be made until Council has approved the budget. –
CARRIED

16. Occupational Health and Safety Minutes

Moved by Diane Therrien
Seconded by Mark Graham

That the Board receive the Minutes of the September 10th Occupational Health and Safety Committee meeting. –
CARRIED

17. Update on the OAPSB Labour Conference

Moved by Diane Therrien
Seconded by Mark Graham

That the Board receive the verbal update on the OAPSB Labour Conference from Mark Graham and Gary Baldwin. –
CARRIED

Mark Graham spoke about Bill 168:

- The Ministry is working to bring the Bill into force. 2021 is the expected time frame.
- The Regulations must be developed first.
- Outsourcing will be more limited than the previous iteration of the Bill.
- Adequate and effective policing will be the Board's responsibility.
- Chiefs will be able to suspend if an officer is charged with a serious off duty offence. Serious offence will be defined in the Regs.
- Demotion or dismissal of an officer will require a hearing at the Ontario Police Arbitration Commission. (OPAC)

18. Auction Fund Grant Announcement

a) Heart and Stroke Foundation

The Chair announced the grant in the amount of \$500.00 in memory of PC Bruce Sayer to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

b) Correspondence from the Peterborough Police Association

Moved by Diane Therrien

Seconded by Mark Graham

That the Board receive the October 17th letter from President Jeff Chartier of the Peterborough Police Association thanking it for the donation to the Heart and Stroke Foundation in memory of PC Bruce Sayer. –
CARRIED

19. Ratification and Adjournment

Moved by Mark Graham

Seconded by Diane Therrien

That the Board ratify all actions of today's date. –
CARRIED

Moved by Diane Therrien

Seconded by Mark Graham

That the public meeting be adjourned. (7:40 PM) –
CARRIED

Read and approved this 5th day of November 2019.

Niquel Pritchard Pataki, Executive Assistant

Gary Baldwin, Chair