

Peterborough Police Services Board

August 18th 2020 – Public Minutes

Minutes of the public meeting of the Peterborough Police Services Board held in the Hugh Waddell Boardroom.

Members Present: Councillor Gary Baldwin, Chair
 Mr. Mark Graham, Vice Chair
 Mayor Diane Therrien, Via Teams
 Mr. Bob Hall
 Mr. Les Kariunas

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

Regrets: Councillor Anita Locke, Advisor for Lakefield
 Mayor Scott McFadden, Advisor for Cavan Monaghan

1. The Chair called the meeting to order. (4:00 PM)

Also in attendance via Teams:

- Inspectors Collins and Lyons
- A/Inspector Hartnett
- Tia Nguyen, Finance Manager

2. Approval To Go In-Camera

Moved by Les Kariunas
 Seconded by Bob Hall

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 6:08 PM.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Mark Graham
 Seconded by Bob Hall

That the agenda of the Peterborough Police Services Board meeting of August 18th 2020 be approved as amended. –
 CARRIED

Correspondence from Abby Deshman was added as well as reports on the provincial funding for a human trafficking position and the request for a training clerk position.

Les Kariunas asked to add an item relating to concerns he has with the Police Services Board.

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

5. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Les Kariunas
Seconded by Mark Graham

That the Minutes of the July 28th 2020 public meeting be approved as circulated.
– CARRIED

6. Chief's Remarks

Moved by Bob Hall
Seconded by Mark Graham

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

Chief Gilbert said the past couple of days have been very busy for the Service. The comment in the media that yesterday's sexual assault victim sustained minor injuries is incorrect as they were not minor. A 76 year old woman who was passing by intervened in the attack. Had she not done this, it may have been fatal.

We had a stabbing today and have two suspects in custody. There will be further charges including assault on a special constable and mischief.

7. Chair's Remarks

Moved by Mark Graham
Seconded by Bob Hall

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

The Chair said he attended the retirement of Chaplain Sharp on August 6th on behalf of the Board. He and other Councillors continue to receive form letters from citizens asking that the police be defunded. He has also received correspondence from residents who are concerned about the assaults on police.

8. Delegations and Presentations

Nil

9. Correspondence

Moved by Bob Hall
Seconded by Les Kariunas

That the following correspondence be received as one omnibus motion:

a) Ministry of the Solicitor General

- i)The clarification regarding the process for police releases and affidavits of service with respect to Bill C-75.
- ii)The information regarding the **Reopening on Ontario Act (ROA)**, which orders are continued, enforcement, offences and penalties.
- iii)The request for information regarding use of force and firearms training following the end of the provincial declaration of the pandemic emergency.

- iv) The notice that the Ontario Court of Justice will be using Zoom video and conferencing for trial testimonies.
- v) The process and criteria for municipal police services to contact the OPP to have alerts issued for public safety incidents.
- vi) The discontinuation of the weekly reports of critical information about police staffing levels to the Ministry.
- vii) The notice that a review of the court security and prisoner transportation program is being conducted by the Ministry to look at delivery improvements.
- viii) The extension of the various driver and vehicle products that would have expired on March 1st 2020 by the Ministry of Transportation. –

CARRIED

The Board discussed the concerns and challenges created by Bill C-75 and the impact. Crime is up in part due to this Bill.

Moved by Mark Graham
Seconded by Les Kariunas

That the Board write to the MPP and MP regarding the concerns with Bill C-75 and the impact it has had in Peterborough. –

CARRIED

b) City of Peterborough

Moved by Bob Hall
Seconded by Les Kariunas

That the Board receive:

- i) The August 4th letter and motion of Council approving the Lakefield policing contract extension for five years.
- ii) The August 4th letter and motions of Council approving the Cavan Monaghan policing contract extension for one year and that the City is not prepared to extend the existing contract beyond a one year term. –

CARRIED

c) Blueline Magazine and the CAPG

Moved by Bob Hall
Seconded by Les Kariunas

That the Board receive:

- The August/September edition of Blueline magazine.
- Notification of that the AGM is being held virtually on October 29th and the agenda. –

CARRIED

d) Correspondence from Citizens

Moved by Les Kariunas
Seconded by Bob Hall

That the Board receive:

- i) The email from a concerned citizen regarding the recent attack on one of our officers, the increased violence against police and the request for an action plan.
- ii) The email from a concerned citizen not in support of defunding the police. –
CARRIED

10. 2nd Quarter Non-Offence Calls for Service Report

Moved by Bob Hall
Seconded by Mark Graham

That the Board receive the second quarter non-offence calls for service report from Inspector Lyons. –
CARRIED

11. 2nd Quarter Contract Policing Reports: Cavan Monaghan and Lakefield

a) Cavan Monaghan and Lakefield

Moved by Les Kariunas
Seconded by Bob Hall

That the Board receive the second quarter policing reports for Cavan Monaghan and Lakefield from Inspector Lyons. –
CARRIED

b) Comments from Mayor McFadden

Nil

c) Comments from Councillor Locke

Moved by Mark Graham
Seconded by Diane Therrien

That the Board receive the comments from Councillor Locke. –
CARRIED

The Executive Assistant read the comments from Councillor Locke and the acknowledgement of PC Cox's good work in Lakefield.

12. 2nd Quarter Crime Statistics Report

Moved by Bob Hall
Seconded by Les Kariunas

That the Board receive the second quarter crime statistics report from Inspector Collins. –
CARRIED

Inspector Collins explained that the Tali Nolan homicide has drawn significant resources. The clearance rate is up along with an increase in crime.

Bob Hall commented on the increase in assaults on officers as they are up 243%. This is concerning for the Board and senior command. He asked how the officers are dealing with this.

Inspector Collins said it does affect morale as they see it daily in the media and feel as though they are being attacked.

The Chief stated that when our officer was stabbed in the line of duty, they heard from the Board members who were very concerned. There was nothing in the media about Councillors being supportive or saying anything publicly about the attempted murder of one of our officers and he found this offensive.

13. 2nd Quarter Complaints Report

Moved by Mark Graham
Seconded by Bob Hall

That the Board receive the second quarter complaints report from A/Inspector Hartnett. –
CARRIED

Acting Inspector Hartnett said that although there is an increase in the number of local and public complaints, we have seen a significant increase in the number of compliments.

14. Members Use of the COVID-19 Risk Lookup Portala) Report from Chief Gilbert

Moved by Diane Therrien
Seconded by Mark Graham

That the Board receive the report regarding compliance of the Members of the Service with the use of the Ministry's COVID-19 risk lookup portal from Chief Gilbert. –
CARRIED

Chief Gilbert explained that the portal was accessed correctly in all instances. Some accessed it to ensure it worked and to test it. Specific medical information was not recorded.

b) Letter from Canadian Civil Liberties Association

Moved by Bob Hall
Seconded by Mark Graham

That the Chair write a response letter and include the Chief's report. –
CARRIED

15. New Civilian Position: IT Manager for the Service

Moved by Les Kariunas
Seconded by Bob Hall

That the Board receive the information from Deputy Chief Farquharson regarding the need to hire a civilian IT Manager in 2021. Further, that the Board approve this new position. –
CARRIED

16. Budget/Finance Committeea) 2021 Operating Budget for the Board

Moved by Bob Hall
Seconded by Diane Therrien

That the Executive Assistant's report regarding the 2021 Board budget be received and that the budget in the amount of \$294,719 be approved. –
CARRIED

b) 2021 Operating and Capital Budget for the Service

Moved by Diane Therrien

Seconded by Les Kariunas

That the Board receive the 2021 Operating and Capital budget report from Tia Nguyen, Finance Manager, and Chief Gilbert. Further, that the Board approve the Peterborough Police Service's:

- 2021 operating budget in the amount of \$27,033,150.
- 2021 capital budget in the amount of \$1,543,213 and that \$43,213 is financed by contributions from the police reserves and \$1,500,000 by capital levy.

Further, that the 2021 approved operating and capital budgets be forwarded to the City for Council's consideration during their 2021 budget deliberations. –
CARRIED

Bob Hall said the budget was initially at a 4% increase but has been reduced to 2.43%. 90-91% of the Operating Budget is personnel. We have also budgeted for body and dashboard cameras as an accountability tool. The new positions are also required.

Tia Nguyen explained that the first challenge was the loss of \$300,000 in revenue from Cavan Monaghan in the fourth quarter. The second was COVID-19 related expenses plus the usual increases. The contractual obligations are unknown at this time. We have transferred from the reserve, reduced legal and the overtime budget which is a risk.

c) New Positions

i) Human Trafficking Position: Provincially Funded

Moved by Mark Graham
Seconded by Bob Hall

That the Board approve the addition of one full time employee to the Peterborough Police Service's authorized strength so a sworn member can be named to the Internal Joint Forces Strategy. –
CARRIED

ii) Training Clerk

Moved by Les Kariunas
Seconded by Diane Therrien

That the report be received and that the addition of the training clerk's position be approved. –
CARRIED

17. Policy/Planning Committee

The 2020-2023 Strategic Plan

Moved by Diane Therrien
Seconded by Les Kariunas

That the Board receive the AODA compliant short version of the 2020-2023 Strategic Plan and the verbal update from Les Kariunas and Diane Therrien. –
CARRIED

18. The Call for Applications for the 2020-21 Ontario Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Grant Program

Moved by Diane Therrien
Seconded by Les Kariunas

That the Board receive the information regarding the call for applications for the province's CCTV grant program and the update from Deputy Chief Farquharson and Chief Gilbert. –
CARRIED

Chief Gilbert explained that we are looking at this grant but based on the criteria we may not be in the running.

19. Request from City Council

i) Moved by Bob Hall
Seconded by Mark Graham

That the Board receive the August 4th correspondence from John Kennedy, City Clerk, notifying the Board of the motion from council requesting information on the light armoured vehicle including the identity of the donor, the maintenance costs and vehicle replacement cost. –
CARRIED

ii) Moved by Bob Hall
Seconded by Mark Graham

That the Board release all three pieces of information requested by Council:

- Identity of the donor. – LOST
- Maintenance costs. – LOST
- Vehicle replacement cost. – LOST

The Chair went through each request individually. He will send correspondence to the City Clerk.

The Chief said the LAV has been painted and safetied. We don't anticipate receiving another donated vehicle because of what has happened this time so it is zero for the replacement cost. Maintenance costs will depend on its use.

20. Auction Fund Announcement

The Chair announced the Auction Fund Grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the Daughter Project Peterborough.

21. Motion of Support from the Board

Moved by Les Kariunas
Seconded by Bob Hall

Whereas the members of the Peterborough Police Service provide our community with a necessary public service;

Whereas the members of the Service are fully committed to community policing;

Whereas community policing is a partnership between our community and its police service members; and

Whereas the members of the Service place themselves in harm's way to make our community safe; and

Therefore be it resolved that the Peterborough Police Services Board fully supports and endorses the dedication, commitment and impartiality of all members of the Service and the work they do to keep us safe. Furthermore, the Peterborough Police Services Board encourages all elected officials representing the City of Peterborough to fully support and endorse the dedication, commitment and impartiality of all members of the Peterborough Police Service and the work they do to keep us safe. –
CARRIED

The Chair explained that he reminded the Board in June that if Members wished to add items to the agenda he and the Executive Assistant were to be informed in advance. There was no advance notice of this motion and the Board had not been provided with a copy of it.

Moved by Mark Graham
Seconded by Diane Therrien

That the public meeting be recessed. (8:36 PM) –
CARRIED

The Chair reconvened the public meeting. (9:25 PM)

22. Ratification and Adjournment

Moved by Bob Hall
Seconded by Les Kariunas

That the Board ratify all actions of today's date and that the public meeting be adjourned. (9:25 PM) –
CARRIED

Read and approved this 9th day of September 2020.

Niquel Pritchard Pataki, Executive Assistant

Gary Baldwin, Chair