

Peterborough Police Services Board

July 28th 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
 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. (3:58 PM)

2. Approval To Go In-Camera

Moved by Bob Hall
 Seconded by Les Kariunas

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. (6:13 PM)

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Bob Hall
 Seconded by Diane Therrien

That the agenda of the Peterborough Police Services Board meeting of July 28th 2020 be approved as circulated. –
 CARRIED

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

5. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Mark Graham
 Seconded by Les Kariunas

That the Minutes of the July 7th 2020 public meeting be approved as circulated. –
 CARRIED

6. Chief's Remarks

Moved by Mark Graham
Seconded by Diane Therrien

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

Chief Gilbert informed the Board that crime is up 8.8% as of June 30th compared with the previous year. Calls for Service have increased 12.4%. Assaults are also up as well as assaults on police officers.

Les Kariunas was concerned about the increase in assaults on the officers and felt the Board needed to discuss this further.

Bob Hall asked why crime and the calls for service are up. The 200% increase in assaults on police officers is absurd. The Members go out of their way to do what's right. We have an excellent police service.

Chief Gilbert explained that Bill C-75 and COVID-19 have pushed the courts to release people instead of holding them in custody. The Special Constable who was injured a few months ago was the result of a person being arrested and released several times. It was also a racially motivated incident.

7. Chair's Remarks

Moved by Diane Therrien
Seconded by Les Kariunas

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

The Chair informed the Board that he and other Councillors have received a number of automated calls and pieces of correspondence asking that the police service be defunded. This is coming from a minority of people as 99% support the police. He is not in favour of defunding the police.

The City Clerk will be sending correspondence to the Board on behalf of Council asking for the name of the donor as well as the maintenance and replacement costs for the light armoured vehicle. The Chair explained that he voted in favour of sending the correspondence so the Board could receive and discuss it.

Mayor Therrien explained that she involved the Chief and Deputy in her response to those asking that the police be defunded. Many of these demands are out of the municipality's jurisdiction. Funding is largely due to the collective agreements which people don't realize. She highlighted the Service's work on community policing and with opioids. The Service is doing a great job.

Mark Graham appreciated Councillor Akapo's virtual attendance at the meeting. He said the information Council is receiving about defunding the police are half-truths. We are open to questions anyone has and will ensure you receive accurate information.

8. Delegations and Presentations

Nil

9. Correspondence

Moved by Mark Graham
Seconded by Bob Hall

That the following correspondence be received as one omnibus motion:

a) Ministry of the Solicitor General

- i) The memo regarding the re-opening of the courthouses and the security precautions and safety measures being taken.
- ii) The survey being conducted by the Ministry about the demands of mental health related calls on policing resources.
- iii) The implementation of the new digital system to exchange sudden death police reports and Coroner's investigation reports.
- iv) The call for applications from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services for an Anti-Human Trafficking Community Supports fund and Indigenous-led Initiatives Fund.
- v) The new in-force date of December 1st 2020 for the **Special Investigation Unit Act** and the request for feedback from police services on the new date.
- vi) The information regarding Stage 3 to reopen the province.
- vii) The issuance of summons for vehicles travelling 50 or more kilometers above the speed limit under the Automated Speed Enforcement program.
- viii) The Basic Constable Training allocation request for the upcoming September to December intake.
- ix) The memo regarding the Ministry of Transportation's updates and changes to the 2D barcodes on Ontario drivers licenses and photo cards.
- x) The permanent exemption for licensed single occupant taxis and airport limousines to use the high occupancy vehicle lanes.
- xi) The call for applications for the Safer and Vital Communities grant.
- xii) The notification that the Ministry of Finance is continuing its grant program for tobacco enforcement.

b) The Light Armored Vehicle (LAV)

The emails from citizens supporting the donation of the LAV. –
CARRIED

Bob Hall asked about the survey on the demands of mental health calls for service.

Inspector Lyons said the number of calls is high. We have a team triaging people and trying to avoid taking them to the hospital when possible. We have received positive feedback on the work of Graham Harvey from CMHA.

Chief Gilbert explained that the mobile crisis intervention team (MCIT) includes an officer and worker from CMHA. They attend calls for service together and have had many successful outcomes dealing with people in crisis.

Peter Williams was asked about the grant for the Safer and Vital Communities. He said that the Service is working with three community partners on it.

10. 2nd Quarter Auction Fund Report

Moved by Diane Therrien
Seconded by Mark Graham

That the Board receive the 2nd quarter auction fund report from the Executive Assistant. –
CARRIED

11. 2019 Missing Persons Annual Report and Correspondence from the Ministry

Moved by Mark Graham
Seconded by Diane Therrien

That the Board receive the report regarding the Service's use of urgent demands under the **Missing Persons Act** from July 1st 2019 to December 31st 2019 from

Inspector Collins and the July 20th email from Jeeti Sahota regarding the reporting requirement. Further, that the Executive Assistant shall provide the report to the Ministry and post the report online. –
CARRIED

12. Budget/Finance Committee

a) 2nd Quarter Financial Report for the Board

Moved by Les Kariunas
Seconded by Mark Graham

That the Board receive the 2nd quarter financial report from the Executive Assistant regarding the Board's operating accounts. –
CARRIED

b) 2nd Quarter Financial Report for the Service

Moved by Les Kariunas
Seconded by Mark Graham

That the Board receive the 2nd quarter financial report for the Service from Tia Nguyen, Finance Manager, and Chief Gilbert. –
CARRIED

13. Policy/Planning Committee

a) 2020-2023 Strategic Plan

Moved by Les Kariunas
Seconded by Diane Therrien

That the Board receive and approve the long and short versions of the 2020-2023 Strategic Plan subject to some minor edits and AODA requirements. –
CARRIED

An explanation of the graphs will be added to the short version.

b) Expiry of the Emergency Order, O. Reg. 120/20, Repeal of the Board Policy titled: Accessing and Managing COVID-19 Status Information

i) Moved by Les Kariunas
Seconded by Mark Graham

That the Board receive the notification from the Ministry of the Solicitor General regarding the expiry of Emergency Order, O. Reg. 120/20. Further, that the Board's policy titled: Accessing and Managing COVID-19 Status Information is automatically repealed as of July 22nd upon expiry of the Order. –
CARRIED

ii) Moved by Les Kariunas
Seconded by Mark Graham

That Chief Gilbert report to the Board at the August 18th meeting on the Service's compliance with the Board's policy: Accessing and Managing COVID-19 Status Information. –
CARRIED

c) Board Policy: LE-026 Missing Persons

Moved by Diane Therrien
Seconded by Bob Hall

i) That the Board the policy enacted by the Peterborough Police Services Board on the 20th day of October 2014 which took effect on January 1st 2015 be repealed.

ii) That this policy is hereby enacted by the Peterborough Police Services Board on this 28th day of July 2020 and shall take effect on this date. –
CARRIED

14. Lakefield Policing Agreement

Moved by Les Kariunas
Seconded by Mark Graham

That the Board receive the July 16th letter and revised policing contract for Lakefield from Tania Goncalves, Deputy Clerk for Selwyn Township. Further, that the Board approve the contract as amended and authorize the Chair to sign. –
CARRIED

15. Cavan Monaghan: Cannabis Funding

Moved by Bob Hall
Seconded by Diane Therrien

That the Board receive the July 9th letter and report from Elana Arthurs, Clerk for Cavan Monaghan, informing it that Council has denied its request for the township's cannabis funding and that the money will be used to hire a consultant to review various policies and the zoning bylaw. –
CARRIED

16. Recipients of the Board Award and Chief Murray Rodd (Ret.) Award from Fleming College

Moved by Les Kariunas
Seconded by Diane Therrien

That the Board receive the email from Tara King, Manager of Development Advancement and Alumni Relations for Fleming College, providing the emails from the recipients of the awards, Hunter Shawanda and Meghan Omara, and their notes of thanks. –
CARRIED

Moved by Bob Hall
Seconded by Diane Therrien

That the public meeting be recessed. (7:21 PM) –
CARRIED

The Chair reconvened the public meeting at 8:39 PM.

17. 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. (8:39 PM) –
CARRIED

Read and approved this 18th day of August 2020.

Niquel Pritchard Pataki, Executive Assistant

Gary Baldwin, Chair