

Peterborough Police Services Board

July 7th 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
Mayor Scott McFadden, Advisor for Cavan Monaghan

Regrets: Councillor Anita Locke, Advisor for Lakefield

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

2. Approval To Go In-Camera

Moved by Les Kariunas
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 6:22 PM. He noted that it was great to be back in the building and meeting in person.

Inspectors Collins and Lyons and President Chartier were also in attendance.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Diane Therrien
Seconded by Mark Graham

That the agenda of the Peterborough Police Services Board meeting of July 7th 2020 be approved as amended. –
CARRIED

The Peterborough Examiner editorial from June 27th was added.

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

5. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Mark Graham
Seconded by Bob Hall

That the Minutes of the June 23rd 2020 public meeting be approved as amended.
– CARRIED

The Chair clarified that he spoke with Dr. Salvatera's Executive Assistant about meeting in person.

6. Chief's Remarks

Moved by Mark Graham
Seconded by Bob Hall

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

The Chief acknowledged the 30 year contribution of PC Stacey Rutherford who retired last week and the drive by ceremony that was held in the back parking lot. He also received notification that Chaplain Bert Sharp is retiring. We also had six new Special Constables start with the Service this week.

7. Chair's Remarks

Moved by Les Kariunas
Seconded by Diane Therrien

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

The Chair thanked the Chief and Deputy for their recent blood donation. He also said the Board will recognize Chaplain Sharp's retirement at an upcoming event.

8. Delegations and Presentations

Nil

9. Correspondence

Moved by Bob Hall
Seconded by Mark Graham

That the following correspondence be received as one omnibus motion:

a) Ministry of the Solicitor General

- i) The notification that Ontario DriveTest Centres are reopening in a three phased approach and that the extension for various license renewals is extended until further notice.
- ii) The clarification regarding enforcement of the **Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act** specifically related to police officers and First Nations Constables removing animals from hot vehicles.
- iii) The update regarding the Firearms Reference Table and the restriction of over 1,500 models as a result of the Order in Council issued on May 1st.
- iv) The suspension of the Next Generation 911 deadlines due to COVID-19.
- v) The availability of the Centre of Forensic Sciences Experts for remote court testimony.
- vi) The notification that the Ministry will be introducing GPS monitoring for bail releases for select individuals in custody in the GTA and the information regarding the supervision mechanisms in place to monitor compliance.

b) CAPG

The July 9th webinar about policy writing with Fred Kaustinen.

c) OAPSB

The letter to Sylvia Jones outlining the OAPSB's position regarding OPP police services board composition. –

CARRIED

10. Taxi License Renewals – Options from Staff

Moved by Bob Hall

Seconded by Les Kariunas

That the Board receive the report from the Executive Assistant outlining the options for the taxi license renewals from staff. Further, that the Board will proceed with option #2 as outlined in the report and will just license the vehicles for this year. The fees will remain the same and not be prorated. –

CARRIED

The Executive Assistant explained the options provided by staff.

The Board noted the importance of checking the drivers to ensure the safety of those using the taxis.

The Chair welcomed Mayor McFadden to the meeting and gave him the opportunity to speak.

Mayor McFadden thanked the Chair and told the Board that in light of the discussion around policing right now, he and his township are very impressed with the service they receive. There is a great deal going on behind the scenes. Council is also pleased with the prompt responses they receive to their questions.

Mayor McFadden left the meeting.

11. Accounting of the Auction Fund Grant to the Daughter Project

Moved by Bob Hall

Seconded by Mark Graham

That the Board receive the accounting of the 2019 auction fund grant to the Daughter Project Peterborough. –

CARRIED

12. Lakefield Policing Agreement

Moved by Mark Graham

Seconded by Les Kariunas

That the Board receive the report from Richard Freymond, Commissioner of Corporate and Legislative Services for the City of Peterborough, and the Lakefield Policing Agreement. Further, that the agreement will return to the July 28th meeting for approval. –

CARRIED

13. Correspondence Regarding the Light Armored Vehicle (LAV)

Moved by Mark Graham

Seconded by Diane Therrien

That the Board receive the correspondence from citizens supporting the donation of the LAV and voicing concerns. –
CARRIED

14. Peterborough Examiner June 27th Editorial

Moved by Bob Hall
Seconded by Mark Graham

That the Board receive the Peterborough Examiner June 27th editorial. –
CARRIED

Bob Hall stated the following:

- The Peterborough Police Service is a national leader in community policing and fully engaged in the community.
- Our uniform and civilian Members volunteer their time with over 100 community agencies and groups.
- As a Board Member, it is frustrating to read this editorial and it must be more frustrating for the Members.
- Police have multiple oversight levels in Ontario including the OIPRD, SIU, OCPC and the Board.
- We understand we are to be critiqued and free press is important.
- As one Member of the Board, this editorial is wrong on many levels and took a negative slant.
- It talked about training. In 2019, our Members had over 17,000 hours of training. It is mandatory.
- There was a comment about screening new Members. No system is perfect. There are background checks, psych testing, interviews etc. to screen out anyone who is racist. We don't want people with racist beliefs.
- The LAV and other equipment are necessary safety measures. Often equipment is needed because of a previous incident. A LAV saved 50 lives in the Orlando shooting.
- Of the 32,000 calls for service last year, force was only used or drawn 81 times.

Les Kariunas said he has spoken with many officers who feel demoralized and are accused of being something they are not. They feel as though they are seen in a negative light. They save lives and don't get any credit.

Mark Graham said the balance is based on truth and facts. The facts need to be straight and they are not. We are open to dialogue and unfortunately the media have a tendency to include us with everything that is happening in the US. We have a great police service.

Diane Therrien thanked everyone and was grateful for their comments.

Gary Baldwin explained that the editorial was concerning. He put it on the agenda so Board Members could discuss. The Board thanks and supports its Members.

15. Occupational Health and Safety Minutes

Moved by Les Kariunas
Seconded by Diane Therrien

That the Board receive the June 12th minutes of the Occupational Health and Safety Committee meeting. –
CARRIED

16. Setting a Training Date With the Ministry of the Solicitor General

The Chair informed everyone that the Board will meet on July 28th at 3:00 PM for training with Jeeti Sahota and Duane Sprague from the Ministry of the Solicitor General.

17. Ratification and Adjournment

Moved by Diane Therrien
Seconded by Mark Graham

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

Moved by Les Kariunas
Seconded by Bob Hall

That the public meeting be adjourned. (7:02 PM) –
CARRIED

Read and approved this 28th day of July 2020.

Niquel Pritchard Pataki, Executive Assistant

Gary Baldwin, Chair