

**MINUTES OF THE HAMILTON
POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

Thursday, January 21, 2016
2:10pm
Hamilton City Hall
Council Chambers

The Police Services Board met.

There were present: Lloyd Ferguson, Chair
Madeleine Levy, Vice Chair
Don MacVicar
Stanley Tick
Terry Whitehead

Absent with regrets: Fred Eisenberger
Walt Juchniewicz

Also Present: Acting Chief Eric Girt
Deputy Chief Ken Weatherill
Acting Deputy Chief Dan Kinsella
Superintendent Jamie Anderson
Superintendent Dave Calvert
Superintendent Debbie Clark
Superintendent Ryan Diodati
Superintendent Paul Morrison
Inspector Greg Huss
Inspector Will Mason
Inspector Paul McGuire
Inspector Mike Worster
Staff Sergeant Maggie Schoen
Sergeant Jo-Ann Savoie
Marco Visentini, Legal Counsel
Rosemarie Auld, Manager, Human Resources
Catherine Martin, Corporate Communicator
Ross Memmolo, Manager, Computer Services
John Randazzo, Assistant Manager, Finance
Yakov Sluchnikov, Labour Relations
Lois Morin, Administrator

Member Ferguson called the meeting to order.

Elections

2.1 Election of Chair

Lois Morin the Administrator assumed the Chair and advised the Board that pursuant to Section 28 of the *Police Services Act* and Section 3.1 of the Police Services Board Procedural By-law, elections for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Police Services Board for 2016, would be conducted.

The Administrator called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Police Services Board for 2016. It was moved by Member Levy and seconded by Member Tick that Member Ferguson be nominated for Chair of the Police Services Board for 2016. Member Ferguson indicated that he would stand for election.

The Administrator called for further nominations and as none were received, it was moved by Member Whitehead and seconded by Member Levy that nominations be closed. Member Ferguson was proclaimed Chair for 2016.

Member Ferguson thanked the Board for their confidence and stated "I look forward to working with you and senior command and the police service as your chair for 2016".

2.2 Election of Vice Chair

Member Ferguson assumed the Chair and called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Police Services Board for 2016. It was moved by Member Whitehead and seconded by Member MacVicar that Member Levy be nominated for Vice-Chair of the Police Services Board for 2016. Member Levy indicated that she would stand for election.

The Chair called for further nominations and as none were received, it was moved by Member Whitehead and seconded by Member MacVicar that nominations be closed. Member Levy was proclaimed Vice-Chair for 2016.

Chair Ferguson welcomed to the table Acting Deputy Chief Dan Kinsella. Chair Ferguson noted that the Board did approve Chief DeCaire's retirement package agreement however; the Board has not dealt with the decision with respect to Acting Chief and Acting Deputy Chief positions or the decision with respect to the process to hire a New Chief of Police.

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member MacVicar
Seconded by: Member Tick

That the Agenda for the Hamilton Police services Board Public meeting be adopted, as printed.

Carried.

Presentations

3.1 Members of the Month

Chair Ferguson and Acting Chief Girt presented the Member of the Month Award to Constable Kobe Saffu. Constable Saffu was commended for his keen observation skills in his relentless pursuit of an offender, which ultimately led to drugs and a loaded firearm being taken off the streets, making our community a safer place to live.

Chair Ferguson and Acting Chief Girt presented the Member of the Month Award to Constable Fabiano Mendez. Constable Mendez was commended for his great observations and initiative demonstrated in this investigation which led to two very dangerous criminals being taken off of our streets.

Chair Ferguson and Acting Chief Girt presented the Member of the Month Award to Detective Jeremy Rawson. Detective Rawson was commended for his skills to positively identify a suspect from a photograph, and the professionalism and investigative prowess that he possesses.

3.2 PRIDE Award

One of the values of the Hamilton Police Service is, "Providing Quality Service". This commitment to service excellence is an important part of an organizations journey towards being recognized by our community as one of the Best Police Services in this nation.

There are occasions when members of this Service go above and beyond the normal expectations of our citizens. These are not acts of courage in the face of extreme danger, but they are special acts of compassion, support and quality service that are worthy of recognition.

Acting Chief Girt presented the P.R.I.D.E. ("People Really Interested in Delivering Excellence") award to Constable Margaret Couch who was recognized for her work in NICHE and her contributions to the wellness of members within the organization. She served the organization with PRIDE.

3.3 Enforcement Update in Relation to the Lincoln M. Alexander Parkway (LINC) and the Red Hill Valley Parkway (RHVP)

Deputy Chief Weatherill and Inspector Mason provided a presentation to the Board with respect to the Enforcement Update in Relation to the Lincoln M. Alexander Parkway (LINC) and the Red Hill Valley Parkway (RHVP).

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Vice Chair Levy
Seconded by: Member MacVicar

That the Hamilton Police Services Board receive the presentation, as provided.

Carried.

General**4.1 Declarations of Interest**

None

Consent Agenda**5.1 Approval of Consent Items**

Moved by: Member MacVicar
Seconded by: Member Whitehead

That the Board approve and receive the consent items as distributed.

Carried

5.2 Adoption of Minutes – December 11, 2015

The minutes of the meetings held Friday, December 11, 2015, are adopted as printed.

5.3 Hamilton Police Service Monthly Report (PSB 16-007)

That the Board direct the Administrator of the Board to refer this report, in its entirety, to the City of Hamilton, for information.

5.4 Registration information to attend the 2016 Canadian Association of Police Governance Conference

That Board Members be approved to attend the upcoming Canadian Association of Police Governance Conference, scheduled for August 12-14, 2016.

5.5 Registration information to attend the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police Information and Communications Technology Workshop

That Board Members be approved to attend the upcoming Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police Information and Communications Technology Workshop scheduled for February 21-24, 2016.

5.6 Correspondence from the Ontario Association of Police Services Board Zone 4 with respect to the 2016 Membership Fee.

That the Board approve payment of the 2016 Membership Fees in the amount of \$70.00.

5.7 For the Information of the Board:

- a) Email from the Canadian Association of Police Governance with respect to the 2016 webinar calendar.
- b) Correspondence from Kevin MacBean, Detective Sergeant, Peel Regional Police Service, Director, Ontario Law Enforcement Torch Run congratulating the Hamilton Police Service as the recipient of the "Top Zone Fundraiser (Department)".
- c) Correspondence from Cindy Philip, Fundraising and Event Assistant, CityKidz, thanking the Hamilton Police Service for the contribution to the CityKidz Silent Auction.
- d) Outstanding Issues as of January 21, 2016

**Discussion
Agenda****6.1 Correspondence from Lauri Leduc, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk with respect to the Lincoln M. Alexander Parkway (LINC) & Red Hill Valley Parkway (RHVP) Safety Review (PW15091) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 8.2)**

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Vice Chair Levy
Seconded by: Member Tick

- a) That the correspondence with respect to the Lincoln M. Alexander Parkway (LINC) & Red Hill Valley Parkway (RHVP) Safety Review be received as printed, and
- b) That the Board provide a copy of the Year End Traffic Statistics to Council for the City of Hamilton.

Carried

New Business**Hamilton Spectator, Monday, January 11, 2016 – Taxpayers' interests obscured by police, board**

Chair Ferguson commented on the recent Op-Ed in the Hamilton Spectator from Shekar Chandrashekar with respect to the 2016 budget.

After discussion, the Board directed the Hamilton Police Service finance staff to provide the five allegations outlined in the Op-Ed to the external auditors to review and address in the 2015 Audit Report.

Chair Ferguson made the following comments:

"I recently read an article on the ProAction Cops and Kids event held at Queen Victoria School which assisted girls in grades 5 to 8 and focused on what it feels like to be bullied as well as valued. On behalf of the Board I extend our gratitude and thanks to staff of the Hamilton Police for this program as well as the many great programs and volunteerism that is provided by this Service in our community. I want to assure you that the Board knows that this is a big commitment and it is very much appreciated. Great Job! And Well Done!!"

"Today was proclaimed "Lincoln Alexander Day" in Ontario and I would like to recognize and honour Lincoln Alexander who served many years as Honourary Chief of Police for this Service."

Next Meeting of the Board

Chair Ferguson announced that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Thursday, March 31, 2016, 2:00pm, at Hamilton City Hall, Council Chambers.

Adjournment

Moved by: Member MacVicar
Seconded by: Member Tick

There being no further business, the public portion of the meeting then adjourned at 3:10pm.

Carried.

The Board then met in camera to discuss matters of a private and confidential nature.

Taken as read and approved


Lois Morin
Administrator


Lloyd Ferguson, Chair
Police Services Board

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