

**MINUTES OF THE HAMILTON
POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

Thursday, March 9, 2017
2:05pm
Hamilton City Hall
Council Chambers

The Police Services Board met.

There were present: Lloyd Ferguson, Chair
 Madeleine Levy, Vice Chair
 Fred Eisenberger
 Walt Juchniewicz
 Don MacVicar
 Terry Whitehead

Absent with regrets: Stanley Tick
 Deputy Chief Ken Weatherill

Also Present: Chief Eric Girt
 Deputy Chief Dan Kinsella
 Superintendent Dave Calvert
 Superintendent Debbie Clark
 Superintendent Ryan Diodati
 Superintendent Will Mason
 Superintendent Nancy Goodes-Ritchie
 Superintendent Mike Worster
 Acting Superintendent Glenn Bullock
 Inspector Greg Huss
 Inspector Scott Rastin
 Inspector Marty Schulenberg
 Staff Sergeant Andrea Torrie
 Staff Sergeant Mike Spencer
 Marco Visentini, Legal Counsel
 Rosemarie Auld, Manager, Human Resources
 Peter Bailey, Manger, Records Business Centre
 John Randazzo, Manager, Finance
 Yakov Sluchenkov, Labour Relations
 Lois Morin, Administrator

Chair Ferguson called the meeting to order.

Moment of Silence

The Board observed a moment of silence in memory of Catherin Martin who was a serving member for twelve years with the Hamilton Police Service and Reverend George Horton who served as a Hamilton Police Service Chaplain for the past nine years. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families.

2.1 Additions/Changes to Agenda

- That the Board purchase tickets to attend the Empowerment Squared Second Annual Gala, scheduled for Friday, March 24, 2017, Liuna Station Banquet and Conference Centre at a cost of \$75 per ticket, to be paid from the auction account.

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Member MacVicar
Seconded by: Member Juchniewicz

That the Agenda for the Hamilton Police Services Board Public meeting be adopted, as amended.

Carried.

Presentations

2.1 Member of the Month

Chair Ferguson and Chief Girt presented the Member of the Month Award for October 2016 to Constable Terry Pursley, Constable Ahron Ashukian and Constable Michael Lacombe. Constables Pursley, Ashukian and Lacombe were commended for the courage they exhibited in saving a life.

Chair Ferguson and Chief Girt presented the Member of the Month Award for November 2016 to Constable Shaun Fennessy and Constable Vince Starrs. Constables Fennessy and Starrs were commended for the courage by putting their own safety aside to apprehend an accused and remove the violent offender off the streets of Hamilton.

2.2 Project Springston Award

Mr. Malcolm Chivers of the Canadian Bankers Association presented an award to Detective Mark Clausen for his work on Project Springston.

2.3 Hate Crime Statistics - 2016

Detective Paul Corrigan provided a presentation with respect to the 2016 Hate Crime Statistics.

Moved by: Member Whitehead
Seconded by: Vice Chair Levy

That the presentation with respect to the 2016 Hate Crime Statistics be received, as provided.

Carried.

General

3.1 Declarations of Interest

None

Consent Agenda**4.1 Approval of Consent Items**

Moved by: Member Eisenberger
Seconded by: Vice Chair Levy

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

Carried

4.2 Adoption of Minutes – February 9, 2017

The minutes of the meeting held Thursday, February 9, 2017, be adopted as printed.

4.3 Registration information to attend the Bridge to Restorative Justice Conference

That Board Members be approved to attend the upcoming Bridge to Restorative Justice Conference.

4.4 Auction Account Fund

Support / Upcoming Events

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- That the Board purchase tickets to attend the Gala Fundraiser for Helping Hands Street Mission, scheduled for Saturday, April 1, 2017, Grand Olympia Banquet Hall, at a cost of \$75 per ticket, to be paid from the auction account.
- That the Board purchase tickets to attend "Hold Mommy's Cigarette" in support of PTSD Research, scheduled for May 1, 2017, at a cost of \$50 per ticket, to be paid from the auction account.
- That the Board provide support to the Ontario Women In Law Enforcement 30 Year Service Award in the amount of \$500, to be paid from the auction account.
- That the Board provide support to the 15th Annual Drives for Lives Golf Tournament in the amount of \$200, to be paid from the auction account.
- That the Board purchase tickets to attend the Empowerment Squared Second Annual Gala, scheduled for Friday, March 24, 2017, Liuna Station Banquet and Conference Centre at a cost of \$75 per ticket, to be paid from the auction account.

4.5 For the Information of the Board:

- a) Auction Account Expenditures – For Board Approval: February 2017 (PSB 17-028)
- b) Year-End Report: Hate Crime – 2016 (PSB 17-030)

- c) Year-End Report: Freedom of Information Branch Statistics - 2016 (PSB 17-032)
- d) Year-End Report: Communications - 2016 (PSB 17-033)
- e) Correspondence from Stephen Beckett, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services with respect to Sexual Violence and Harassment.
- f) Correspondence from Paul Hindo, CD, Honourary Colonel, Provincial Chair, Canadian Forces Liaison Council with respect to the Hamilton Police Service receiving a Province-wide award as a leading employer in Ontario.
- g) Correspondence from Chief John W. Mina, City of Orlando thanking the Hamilton Police Service for their support during a tragic loss.
- h) Correspondence from Jerry L. Demins, Sheriff of Orange County thanking the Hamilton Police Service for their support during a tragic loss.
- i) Information on the 23rd Commemoration of the Genocide against the Tutsi of Rwanda scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2017, 2:00pm.
- j) Outstanding Issues as of March 9, 2017

**Discussion
Agenda****5.1 Year-End Report: Gratitude and Recognition for Retirees – 2016 (PSB 17-035)**

As recommended by Chief Girt in PSB 17-035 dated March 9, 2017, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Vice Chair Levy
Seconded by: Member Eisenberger

- a) That a cheque in the amount of \$1,000.00 be forwarded to the Hamilton Police Retirees Association, with the money to be disseminated to those members who volunteer their time to assist with the Studebaker Program, and the police *Tuck Shop*. This amount is consistent with the funds that were released in 2016.
- b) That these funds be taken from the Police Services Board Auction Account.

Carried.

5.2 Request from Erin O'Neil, to Provide a Deputation to the Board

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

Moved by: Vice Chair Levy
Seconded by: Member MacVicar

That the request from Erin O'Neil to provide a deputation to the Board with respect to the Board considering implementation of the Philadelphia Model of annual case review for improved transparency, be approved.

Carried.

New Business**Guide to Police Services in Toronto Dedicated to our Trans Communities**

Vice Chair Levy brought forward to discuss the Toronto Police Service pamphlet dedicated to the Trans Communities asking how Hamilton could utilize the pamphlet.

Chief Girt noted that he has reviewed the pamphlet and finds it very comprehensive and further mentioned that he had provided it to staff for review and discussion. Chief Girt noted that the Service does have a comprehensive policy with respect to the issue(s). He further discussed that washrooms for all gender or gender neutral would need to be reviewed, and the service would look at repurposing space for this issue.

Safe Injection Sites

Vice Chair Levy asked for an update with respect to the Hamilton Police Service response for Safe Injection Sites.

Chief Girt stated that Deputy Chief Kinsella has taken the lead on this issue. Deputy Chief Kinsella provided an update with respect to Safe Injection Sites.

Investigative Services Division

Chief Girt provided a brief update with respect to the new Investigative Services Division building noting that timelines were being met.

Chair Ferguson made the following comments:

- Congratulations to the Hamilton Police Service for partnering with the Woman Abuse Working Group to review the past unfounded cases of sexual assault with the goal of improving service delivery to the community. Great Job! And Well Done!!
- Congratulations to the Hamilton Police Service for being involved in the recent food drive in Ancaster which raised 102,000 pounds of food. Chair Ferguson was proud to see Sergeant Blaj and the 10 Hamilton Police Service Officers participate in this event. Congratulations, and well done!

Next Meeting of the Board

Chair Ferguson announced that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Thursday, April 13, 2017, 2:00pm, at Hamilton City Hall, Council Chambers.

Adjournment

Moved by: Member MacVicar
Seconded by: Member Juchniewicz

There being no further business, the public portion of the meeting then adjourned at 3:38pm.

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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