



Ottawa Police Services Board
Finance and Audit Committee
Minutes

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Meeting #: 18
Date: Thursday, November 10, 2022
Time: 11:00 am
Location: Richmond Room
110 Laurier Avenue West
Members: Councillor Cathy Curry, Councillor Jeff Leiper
Others: Eli El-Chantiry, Chair; Randa Ben Guedria, Board Assistant; Blair Dunker, Chief Administrative Officer; John Steinbachs, Director; Hollis Zhang, Chief Financial Officer; Jonathan Sweet, Manager Financial Planning
Regrets: Vice Chair Suzanne Valiquet

1. Confirmation of Agenda

That the Finance and Audit Committee confirm the Agenda of the 10 November 2022 meeting.

Confirmed

2. Confirmation of Minutes

2.1. Minutes #17 of 13 January 2022

That the Finance and Audit Committee confirm Minutes #17 of the 13 January 2022 meeting.

Received

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Items of Business

4.1. 2023 Budget Development and Directions

Presentation

The OPS provided a presentation. They stated that they are using the previous Board's strategic plan and that extensive consultation was done in 2021. They explained that the quarterly financial reports indicate the current and forecasted pressures. In 2023 recruitment will be a priority to ensure community safety. They noted that \$11.7 is required to maintain services. It was also clarified that there was planned growth of 30 officers for 2021 however it did not take place. Once these positions are fully staffed, this will result in a further budget pressure of \$1.7 million.

A question was raised about Front Desk Services. The Service noted there are 25 civilian members working in this Section who take reports, walk-ins, etc.

A question was raised as to how much money the Service received from the Federal Government, including the annual policing grant. The OPS said that they received a total of about \$57 million; the amount of the annual grant is \$3 million. While the Service has recovered some of the expenses from the convoy, there is still a significant amount that is unrecoverable.

It was noted that the Service needs to provide the Board with their needs. The previous staffing report brought forward to the Human Resources Committee was a good starting point.

The Service is looking to provide the new Chief with an opportunity to review the staffing strategy, prior to bringing forwarding a more comprehensive plan.

A suggestion was made to have another committee meeting prior to November 28, to brief the new Chief and the new Mayor.

The Board Chair suggested that a direction be brought forward at the November meeting that an additional permanent FTE be included within the Board's 2023 budget and to look for savings internally to fund this position. He noted that there were funds previously set aside by the last Board for work that was never completed. There was \$150,000 in base budget funding added to the Board's budget for a community partnership fund that was never established. These funds have gone unspent for the last two years. Thus, these funds can be better applied to more Board staffing which can increase the Board's capacity for community engagement and communications, as an example. He suggested that this Committee recommend to the Board at the November meeting that an additional FTE be included in the Board's 2023 budget, and that savings be found internally to fund the position.

That the Finance and Audit Committee:

- 1. Receive a briefing on the development of the 2023 Budget;**
- 2. Recommend a budget option to the Board for its approval.**

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OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEXT MEETING

To be determined

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.