



Ottawa Police Services Board

Minutes

Meeting #: 65
Date: October 31, 2022
Time: 4:00 pm
Location: Champlain Room, 110 Laurier Avenue West

Present: Chair: Councillor Eli El-Chantiry, Vice-Chair: Suzanne Valiquet, Councillor Cathy Curry, Councillor Jeff Leiper, Salim Fakirani, Peter Henschel

Absent: Michael Doucet

1. Notices and meeting information for participants and members of the public
2. Ceremonial Activities and Announcements

I/Chief thanked the residents of this city and Ottawa Police Service members for the support received these past few months. He used his final verbal report to recognize some exceptional work by OPS members: Eva Savage and Constables Alan Porteous and Stephen Quesnel who have truly reflected a duty of care and being someone's hero in their time of need.

He also awarded Lynda Kitchikeesic with the Chief Citizen Award. She has been a mentor and friend to many Ottawa Police members. Lynda was instrumental in the development of the OPS' former Community and

Police Action Committee. This helped to build awareness and understanding of issues impacting Indigenous and marginalized communities. She has a special place in the history of the Ottawa Police Service for everything she has taught the profession of policing.

Vice Chair made a few marks in recognition of Chair Eli El-Chantiry as this was his last meeting. She recognized and honoured his service to the Board - the Police Service - and the community - in his role as Chair over the last few months, and over his career as a City Councillor. She recognized him for his leadership and commitment to bettering policing not only here in Ottawa, but his leadership role in the province. Chair El-Chantiry was the very first recipient of the Emil Kolb Award of Excellence in Police Governance, awarded by the Canadian Association of Police Governance in 2014. Since 2003, almost 20 years, he devoted immeasurable hours to undertaking the important work of the Board.

3. Confirmation of Agenda

The Interim Chief requested that his verbal report be removed from the agenda as he had already delivered his remarks at the start of the meeting.

That the Ottawa Police Services Board confirm the amended agenda of the 31 October 2022 meeting.

Carried as amended

4. Confirmation of Minutes

4.1 Minutes #64 of 26 September 2022

That the Ottawa Police Services Board confirm Minutes #64 of the 26 September 2022 meeting.

Carried

5. Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were filed.

6. Public Delegations

1. Robin Browne he/him

2. Kayla mcluskey on behalf Pamela Castanho
3. Ade Olumide
4. Inez Hillel she/her
5. Samantha McAleese she/her
6. Bailey Gauthier they/them

Written submissions:

A copy of the written submissions are available [online](#).

1. Lynne Tyler
2. Joe Regis

The delegations spoke on a variety of topics including the Chief recruitment process and the community consultation undertaken as part of that process; defunding the police; lack of safety in the Byward market and the need for more police resources; a request for a police complaints transparency bill of rights; and inaccessibility of police board meetings and a request for a hybrid or virtual format for delegations.

7. Inquiries

The below inquiry was raised by Member Leiper for a response at a subsequent meeting:

“A report authored by Sgt. Chris Kiez to provide intelligence insight into the convoy has been criticized by many as biased against progressive activist movements and disdainful of their concerns. The information it contained has been widely derided for relying on unprofessional media sources.

Would the Service please provide the Board with an analysis of how the OPS approaches intelligence-gathering, including which staff are tasked with the effort, their qualifications, and how their findings are tested for bias including any outside professional auditing to assess the Service’s intelligence effectiveness.”

8. Items of Business

8.1 Chair’s verbal report

Chair's report

A copy of the Chair's verbal report is available [online](#)

Public Delegations

1. Andrea Chandler
2. Farnaz Farhang

The delegations on this item spoke to the Board's decision to complete the Chief's hiring process before the election, as well as concerns around the accessibility of the Board's meetings.

That the Ottawa Police Services Board receive this report for information.

Received

8.2 Chief's verbal report

Chief's report

That the Ottawa Police Services Board receive this report for information.

Removed

8.3 National Capital Area Crime Stoppers: Semi-Annual Report

Report from National Capital Area Crime Stoppers

Richard McMullen, President of the National Capital Area Crime Stoppers talked about connecting with community to raise awareness.

A question was raised as to whether there was an increase in tips during the pandemic. Mr. McMullen confirmed that there was a gradual increase from the public and that over time a dramatic increase happened due to rising awareness. He noted the most successful tip information was in 2019. He added that they incentivize with a cash reward for up to two thousands dollars for information.

A question was raised around what people can expect when contacting CrimeStoppers.

Mr. McMullen noted they have an anonymous call center with services provided in multiple languages and staffed by live voices 24/7 to provide callers with information. People can also submit tips online. During a call each tipster will be provided a number to use when they call again for a follow up. They don't record numbers as the calls are meant to be anonymous.

That the Ottawa Police Services Board receive this item for information.

Received

8.4 Ontario Association of Police Services Boards' Labour Relations Seminar Funding Request

Executive Director's report

That the Ottawa Police Services Board approve a \$1,500 Silver sponsorship for the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards' 2022 Labour Conference being held November 9 & 10, 2022.

Carried

8.5 2023 Ottawa Police Services Board Meeting Schedule

Executive Director's report

That the Ottawa Police Services Board approve the 2023 meeting schedule.

Carried

8.6 Migration from E911 to NG911 Network

Chief's report

A question was raised regarding the Service's work with the City of Ottawa's Procurement Office as the original quote increased by \$60,000.

The OPS said that the reason behind the increase was that the initial quote expired. According to the Board's bylaw, if the quotes increases by more than 10%, it must be brought forward for approval.

That the Ottawa Police Services Board approve the purchase of equipment and professional services from the vendor of record (currently TELUS Communications Inc.) to migrate the Ottawa Police Service's 911 connection from the legacy Enhanced 911 (E911) to the new Next Generation 911 (NG911) network, as mandated by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), for a fixed price amount of \$342,904.40.

Carried

8.7 Appointment of Clerical Special Constables: Ottawa Police Service

Chief's report

That the Ottawa Police Services Board approve the appointment of Ottawa Police Service employees listed in Document 1, as Clerical Special Constables pursuant to Section 53 of the Police Services Act, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the attached Approval of Appointment Forms.

Carried

8.8 Appointment of Special Constables: OC Transpo

Chief's report

That the Ottawa Police Services Board approve the appointments of OC Transpo employees listed in Document 1 as Special Constables pursuant to Section 53 of the Police Services Act, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the attached Approval of Appointment forms.

Carried

8.9 Financial Status Report – Third Quarter 2022

Chief's report

A question was raised concerning the achievements of the targeted efficiencies for 2022.

The Service confirmed that they met the efficiency target however haven't found permanent base reductions. This will mean the Service will start next year with a budget pressure.

It was noted that the City would be seeking budget information from the Service by December 8. The CAO therefore requires direction from the Board. The ED will make arrangements for a Finance and Audit Committee meeting.

The Service is forecasting a balanced budget by year's end.

A suggestion was made to list all assumptions included as part of the budget, including the dollar amount and have them tested. The same could be done for risks, their likelihood and ranking.

It was clarified that for the costs recorded for the various events (such as the convoy, Rolling Thunder, Canada Day, etc), the invoices are listed on the quarterly reports as they come in and there will be more invoices to come in future updates.

That the Ottawa Police Services Board receive this report for information.

Received

8.10 Complaints Report, Part v – Police Services Act – Third quarter 2022

Chief's report

That the Ottawa Police Services Board receive this report for information.

Received

8.11 Report on SIU Investigation 21-OCI-331

Chief's report

That the Ottawa Police Services Board receive this report for information.

Received

8.12 Report on SIU Investigation 21- OVI-361

Chief's report

That the Ottawa Police Services Board receive this report for information.

Received

8.13 Report on SIU Investigation 22- OCI-029

Chief's report

That the Ottawa Police Services Board receive this report for information.

Received

8.14 Legal Services Status Report – 2022 Third Quarter

Board Solicitor's report

That the Ottawa Police Services Board receive this report for information.

Received

8.15 Board Monitoring Requirements Status Report: Third Quarter 2022

Executive Director's report

That the Ottawa Police Services Board receive this report for information.

Received

8.16 Outstanding Board Inquiries & Motions: October 2022 Report

Executive Director's report

Public Delegations

1. Glennys Egan (she/her)
2. Sarp Kizir
3. Ana maria

4. Meghan Potasse
5. Sam Hersh

The delegates spoke on a variety of topics including the recruitment of the Chief of Police, the ongoing inquiries into the convoy including the Emergency Commission, accessibility of Board meetings and the lack of a hybrid option, the outstanding budget motion, and an ongoing lawsuit related to use of force by the OPS. There were also comments raised regarding the length of time some inquiries and motions have been on the outstanding report, inquiries that were previously removed by the Board.

The Board made a request concerning the TRC calls to action, asking the Service to come to the Board and talk about what has been implemented. It was suggested that this be brought first to one of the Board's Committees.

That the Ottawa Police Services Board receive this report for information.

Received

8.17 Letters of Commendation

Chief's report

That the Ottawa Police Services Board receive this report for information.

Received

Other Business

There was a thank you and farewell provided by Chair E. El-Chantiry who thanked the Civilian and Sworn Members of the OPS, Board Members, Board Staff, City of Ottawa and Community Stakeholders.

10. Communications and Correspondence

1. Letter from the East Ferris Police Services Board, dated September 22, 2022

11. In Camera Items

Please note that the in camera meeting was held prior to the public meeting and the following items were discussed:

1. Labour Relations Unit Report: Third Quarter 2022
2. Legal Services Report: 3rd Quarter 2022
3. Delay Application
4. Personnel Matter
5. Delay Application
6. Personnel Matter
7. Board Correspondence
8. Labour Relations Matter

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:17pm.

13. Next Meeting

Regular Meeting – Monday, November 28, 2022 - 4:00 PM

Original signed by K. Ferraro,
Executive Director

Original signed by Councillor E. El-
Chantiry, Chair