



**Ottawa Police Services Board
Finance and Audit Committee
Minutes**

Meeting #: 22
Date: September 7, 2023
Time: 1:00 pm
Location: Electronic Participation

Present: Councillor C. Curry, Councillor M. Carr, G. Beck

Others: K. Ferraro, Executive Director; R. Ben Guedria, Board Assistant; E. Stubbs, Chief; S. Bell, Deputy Chief; T. Ferguson, Deputy Chief; P. Burnett, Deputy Chief; J. Steinbachs, Executive Director; J. Sweet; M. Anderson; I. Pedersen, Director.

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1. Confirmation of Agenda

That the Ottawa Police Services Board's Finance and Audit Committee confirm the agenda of the 7 September 2023 meeting.

Carried

2. Confirmation of Minutes

2.1 Minutes #21 of 11 July 2023

That the Ottawa Police Services Board's Finance and Audit Committee confirm Minutes #21 of the 11 July 2023 meeting.

Carried

3. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were filed.

4. Items of Business

4.1 South Facility Project

Presentation

The Committee received a presentation on this item.

The Service noted it was not seeking additional funding for the \$9 million in funding needed to occupy the second floor of the South Facility. They are using funds previously allocated for an assessment of central patrol. This assessment will form part of the next facilities strategic plan as it is not required now. The funding strategy will result in higher debt payment however this can be absorbed from the reserves as the Queensview location was marked for pay as you go financing.

That the Ottawa Police Services Board's Finance and Audit Committee receive this item for information.

Received

4.2 2024 Budget Update

Presentation

The Committee received a presentation on this item.

The Service noted it may need to defer projects to outer years given the budget forecast however staffing can go ahead because the financial pressure occurs in later years.

A suggestion was made that a risk assessment, similar to what is done in Toronto by their AG, could be a helpful tool for the Board and Service to explore to ensure adequate and effective policing and value for tax payer dollars. If the City's AG were able to take this on, it would not accrue costs for the Board. A comment was made that some of the work the AG is doing on City Council priorities may inevitably touch on police.

In terms of previous enterprise or corporate risk assessments completed by the Service, it was noted the OPS has done these in the past but they are now dated. They are looking at reinvigorating their risk assessment process and tools.

The budget forecast includes an efficiency target of \$1 million. It was clarified that the target is actually \$2.75 million (absorbing previous targets that were not met) however the Service is confident it can meet the target. The areas where the efficiencies will be drawn from are not yet identified.

A direction was made to ensure the Board's request for two additional FTEs be reflected in the budget forecast to ensure the Board has the support it needs to fulfill its responsibilities.

That the Ottawa Police Services Board's Finance and Audit Committee receive this item for information.

Received

4.3 OPS Strategic Staffing Plan

Presentation

The Committee received a presentation on this item.

It was clarified that the 55 positions for stabilization and event response are above complement numbers and in addition to the growth positions which are meant for new initiatives.

The Service noted it was working with Public Safety Canada on a Treasury Board submission, which would help fund the event response resources noted in the staffing plan. The Service is engaged in a lot of additional policing work as a result of policing the Nation's Capital, such as protests and managing embassies, and the Service needs dedicated

resources for this work rather than having to pull from other units such as traffic and the NRTs.

A comment was made that the staffing plan is reflective of the feedback received from many City Councillors and has been positively received thus far.

That the Ottawa Police Services Board's Finance and Audit Committee receive this item for information.

Received

5. Other Business

6. In Camera Items

That the Ottawa Police Services Board's Finance and Audit Committee move in-camera to discuss a confidential financial matter.

Carried

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 02:05 am.

8. Next Meeting

Thursday, November 9, 2023 - 1:30 PM