



Ottawa Police Services Board

Minutes

Meeting #: 85
Date: July 24, 2023
Time: 4:00 pm
Location: Electronic Participation

Present: Chair: Gail Beck, Mayor Mark Sutcliffe, Councillor Cathy Curry, Councillor Marty Carr, Michael Doucet, Vice Chair: Salim Fakirani

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1. Notices and meeting information for participants and members of the public
 2. Confirmation of Agenda

That the Ottawa Police Services Board confirm the agenda of the 24 July 2023 meeting.

Carried

3. Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 Minutes #84 of 26 June 2023

That the Ottawa Police Services Board confirm Minutes #84 of the 26 June 2023 meeting.

Carried

4. Committee Meetings: Minutes

4.1 Human Resources Committee - Draft Minutes #15 of 7 July, 2023

The Chair of the Human Resources Committee provided an overview of the meeting that took place and noted he would be working with the Executive Director to help develop a staffing plan that would include positions to assist with policy, community outreach, as well as administrative support.

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

Received

4.2 Finance and Audit Committee - Draft Minutes #21 of 11 July, 2023

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

Received

5. Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were filed.

6. Public Delegations

There were no public delegations.

The Chair provided a clarification for the benefit of the public, noting that all delegation requests are reviewed by the Chair on behalf of the Board to ensure they are in keeping with the Board's procedures. The Chair also noted that in addition to delegations, there are other avenues available to engage with the Board. The Chair encouraged members of the public to reach out to the Board office should they wish to speak with the Board.

7. Inquiries

There were no inquiries.

8. Items of Business

8.1 Chair's verbal report

Chair's report

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

Received

8.2 Chief's verbal report

Chief's report

In response to a question relating to the 966 instances where NARCAN was administered by officers, the OPS clarified that the majority of these calls came through 911 and OPS arrived first on scene. There is also a trend where OPS members are increasingly being flagged down by members of the public to assist with overdoses.

A question was raised concerning the role of police when they see open drug use, aside from administering NARCAN. It was noted that police often won't stop and arrest someone as it is not in the public interest;

rather, the focus is on encouraging the person to get help. It does however happen on occasion if the person is a prolific offender who may be known to be violent. The Service is looking to leverage their discretion and ensure a balance between enforcement and assisting people with finding help.

On the topic of misdials to 911, a request was made to the Service to provide information to City Councillors that can be included in their newsletters to help educate the public.

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

Received

- 8.3 Ottawa Police Service Request for Assistance Policing Canada Day: Memorandums of Understanding with Barrie, Belleville, Cornwall, Greater Sudbury, Kingston, London, Windsor, Waterloo, and South Simcoe

This item is before the Board for ratification following pre-approval of the agreements in June 2023, under delegated authority by the Chair and Vice Chair.

That the Ottawa Police Services Board approve the Memorandums of Understanding with Barrie, Belleville, Cornwall, Greater Sudbury, Kingston, London, Windsor, Waterloo, and South Simcoe Police Services (on file with the Executive Director) regarding providing assistance to the Ottawa Police Service in policing Canada Day.

Carried

- 8.4 South Facility Project - Road Work Modification Construction Contract Award

Chief's report

That the Ottawa Police Services Board approve the award of a construction contract in the amount of \$1,110,900 (including construction contingency; net of HST) to Contractor Goldie Mohr for road modifications required at 3505 Prince of Wales Drive as part of the South Facility project.

Carried

8.5 Appointment of Special Constables: OC Transpo

Chief's report

That the Ottawa Police Services Board approve the appointment of the 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 Approval of Appointment Forms which will follow.

Carried

8.6 Delegation of Special Constable Status: RCMP

Chief's report

That the Ottawa Police Services Board delegate authority to the Chair and Vice-Chair to approve:

- 1. appointments in relation to any demonstrations or major events that may occur between July 24 and September 30, 2023. These appointments will be valid until September 30, 2023;**
- 2. any memorandums of understanding that are required by the Ottawa Police Service (OPS) to secure resources from other police services to assist with operational response to any demonstrations/events that may arise between July 24, 2023 and September 30, 2023.**

Any exercise of this delegated authority will be reported out at the next regular meeting of the Board, to be ratified as part of the minutes.

Carried

8.7 Update on Strategic Planning Process and Consultation Strategy

Chief's report

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

Received

8.8 Complaints Report - Part V, Police Services Act - Second Quarter 2022

Chief's report

The Service noted it was looking to amend page 12 of the report, under the section, "Summary of Findings and Actions Taken". The wanted to add language to better address some of the concerns raised in the complaints concerning the convoy. The amendments were presented verbally during the meeting with an updated report to be sent to the ED after the meeting to be published with the agenda.

A question was raised regarding the reference to "progressive discipline" on page 7 of the report. The OPS clarified that there is a baseline of discipline and should a behavior continue, the discipline increases. In the case of a red-light camera or automated speed enforcement infraction, the Service will determine whether an exemption under the *Highway Traffic Act (HTA)* would apply. If not, there will be an internal Chief's Complaint. If it's a first time offence within two years, the member receives counseling; the second time, the discipline is counseling and a forfeiture of hours; the third time, there is an increased forfeiture of hours plus counseling; the fourth time, there is an investigation under the *Police Services Act* where a number of disciplinary measures can be imposed. The Service will also review whether the driving behaviour was duty related (attending a priority call) and done with safety consideration, which is often the case.

In terms of the driving infractions captured in the report, it was clarified these only include situations where an exemption under the HTA didn't apply. Since there was a delay in receiving the latest data from the City regarding infractions, the reporting by the Service was impacted and this may explain the increase.

A comment was made that intersections with red-light cameras that don't have a countdown result in more infractions. It was suggested that OPS could share data with the City to help flag intersections where a countdown might be helpful.

An increase was noted in terms of payouts for motor vehicle collisions as well as complaints around neglect of duty/negligence. The Service has not identified any concerning conduct trends but had noted an increase in screen-ins from the OIPRD which they will look into further.

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

Received

8.9 Response to Motion M-20-08: Community Equity Council

Chief's report

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

Received

8.10 Legal Services Status Report – Second Quarter 2023

Board Solicitor's report

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

Received

8.11 Board Monitoring Requirements Status Report - Second Quarter 2023

Executive Director's report

A direction to Board staff was made to have the draft calendar of monitoring requirements go before the Policy and Governance Committee in December so the Committee can review and make recommendations around which reports the Board wishes to continue receiving.

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

Received

8.12 Outstanding Board Inquiries & Motions: July 2023

Executive Director's report

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

Received

8.13 Letters of Commendation: July 2023

Chief's report

A suggestion was made to have highlights from this report included as part of the Chief's Verbal Report, rather than holding this report each meeting.

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

Received

9. Other Business

There was no other business.

10. In Camera Items

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

1. Major Event Briefing: Rolling Thunder
2. Complaint Matter
3. Confidential Lease Renewal
4. Labour Relations Matter
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7. Legal Services Status Report – Settlements, Second Quarter 2023
8. Labour Relations Matter
9. Complaint Matter
10. Delay Application
11. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm.
12. Next Meeting
Regular Meeting – Monday, September 25, 2023 - 4:00 PM

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