



Ottawa Police Services Board

Minutes

Meeting #: 86 Special Meeting – Strategic Planning Consultation Summary

Date: August 25, 2023

Time: 3:00 pm

Location: Electronic Participation

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

1. Confirmation of Agenda

That the Ottawa Police Services Board confirm the agenda of the 25 August 2023 special meeting.

Carried

2. Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were filed.

3. Items of Business

3.1 Strategic Planning Consultation Summary Report

Executive Director's report

Presentation

The Board received a presentation on this item, including an overview by the Chair on the community outreach she undertook on behalf of the Board.

The following general topics were discussed:

District Model

The Service is looking at creating a four-district model where each district has its own dedicated frontline, traffic, and neighbourhood response. Whoever is in charge of the district will determine the level of resources assigned to each function and prioritize where they are to be deployed based on demands. While it was confirmed that it is a more expensive model, combined with efforts to stabilize staffing, it should provide the OPS with more flexibility to address demands in various communities. The Board requested more information on this model to better understand how it will work. The community will also be consulted so the OPS understands the specific expectations individual communities have in terms of policing.

Staffing

The Service confirmed there were sufficient seats at the Police College to meet staffing targets. It was noted that by stabilizing staffing, this will assist with member morale as staff will have the capacity to work on things that are important to them.

Budget

A comment was made that the Service should not be taking on the additional costs associated with being a capital city.

Measuring progress

It was noted that metrics will be required to show the community we are advancing on our goals, including ensuring equitable service provision. The Service is currently working on a public facing data portal to provide the community with more information on policing activities. Metrics are also required to ensure we are improving on how we connect and assist vulnerable community members.

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

4. Other Business

There was no other business.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:53pm.

6. Next Meeting

Regular Meeting – Monday, September 25, 2023 - 4:00 PM

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