



Ottawa Police Services Board

Minutes

Meeting #: Special Meeting 89
Date: October 6, 2023
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Electronic Participation

Present: Chair: Gail Beck, Vice Chair: Salim Fakirani, Councillor Cathy Curry, Councillor Marty Carr, Peter Henschel.

Absent: Michael Doucet, Mayor Mark Sutcliffe.

1. Confirmation of Agenda

That the Ottawa Police Services Board confirm the agenda of the 6 October 2023 special meeting.

Carried

2. Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were filed.

3. Items of Business

3.1 UPDATE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS: DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN

Presentation

Draft Strategic Plan

The Board received a presentation on this item from the Chair.

The Service highlighted the unprecedented level of engagement and effort made by the Board to connect with the community, OPS members, and the Command Team, to ensure that proper consultation was completed before the plan was drafted. The Service noted that they also talked to numerous individuals and groups to understand the needs of the community.

The Service commented that there is a lot of work ahead as crime statistics are moving in the wrong direction, and protests, demonstrations, and major events are front and center most days of the week. The strategic plan must address the challenges confronting the community and the police service.

The OPS noted that investments in a new District Policing Model will better serve the unique demands of the suburban, rural, and urban areas. A robust communication plan that will focus on the Councillors of each ward will be developed alongside. The Service is also looking to open a Neighborhood Operation Centre in the ByWard Market to increase safety in that area.

The Service is also looking to focus on recruitment in order to meet the needs of the community and stabilize and contribute to the wellbeing of the staff.

A question was raised concerning whether or not people will be able to access the survey in a language other than the English and French. It was confirmed that any language or accessibility needs would be accommodated by request. The Executive Director advised she would follow-up with the Board to seek further input.

With respect to the timeframe between soliciting feedback and approving the plan, it was noted that that there would be a summary created of the input collected that would go to a working group who would incorporate

the comments into a final plan to be presented to the Board for approval at its November regular meeting.

A comment was made that that while the South Facility is not currently expressly reflected in the draft plan, the Board and Service must keep it in mind.

That the Ottawa Police Services Board receive and table the Draft Strategic Plan for the Ottawa Police Service, to be considered at the Board meeting on 27 November 2023.

Received and Tabled

4. Other Business

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 am.

6. Next Meeting

Regular Meeting – Monday, October 23, 2023 - 4:00 PM