

Chair Beck Verbal Report
Public Meeting
October 23, 2023

Use of Delegated Authority

- At the July regular meeting, the Vice Chair and I were delegated authority to approve special constable appointments in relation to any demonstrations or major events that occurred between July 24 and September 30, as well as any memorandums of understanding required to secure resources from other police services.
- We noted that any use of this delegated authority would be reported out at our next regular meeting.
- On behalf of the Board, the Vice Chair and I jointly approved a memorandum of understanding with the York Regional Police Service, who provided assistance to the OPS in relation to a dignitary visit in September.

Draft Strategic Plan

- Our second public survey related to the Board's strategic plan closed on October 16.
- I want to thank everyone who took the time to complete it.
- I am also continuing to meet with stakeholders to gather further input.

- A small working group will be meeting in the coming weeks to go through the community feedback gathered on the draft strategic plan and determine how best to incorporate it.
- The final plan is expected to come forward at the Board's November 27 meeting for approval.

Middle East Conflict

- Lastly, I want to acknowledge the efforts being made by the Service to engage with our local Israeli and Palestinian communities to hear, understand and address their concerns as well as ensure their safety.
- The Board has received positive feedback around your efforts and messaging.
- This is an unconscionably difficult time for Palestinians and Israelis, Jews and Muslims.
- The Service has a responsibility to ensure the safety of all community members and to address any local instances of hate and your efforts in this regard have been commendable.
- This concludes my verbal report.