



Ottawa Police Services Board

Minutes

Meeting #: 95
Date: December 18, 2023
Time: 4:00 pm
Location: Electronic Participation

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

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

At the start of the meeting, Acting Chair Fakirani noted that Dr. Gail Beck had resigned from the Board on December 14 and pursuant to the Police Services Act, as well as the Board's Procedure Bylaw, he had assumed the role of Acting Chair. He also conveyed thanks on behalf of the Board to Dr. Beck for her public service on the Board.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

That the Ottawa Police Services Board confirm the agenda of the 18 December 2023 meeting.

Carried

3. Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 Minutes #94 of 27 November 2023

It was noted that rough notes on page 17, item 8.4, needed to be removed from the final minutes.

That the Ottawa Police Services Board confirm Minutes #94 of the 27 November 2023 meeting.

Carried with noted amendments

4. Committee Meetings: Reports from Committee Chairs & Minutes

4.1 Policy and Governance - Draft Minutes #15 of 5 December 2023

The Chair of the Policy and Governance Committee provided an overview of the meeting that took place and noted that two of the five items they had discussed, namely the status of the Board's 2023 work plan and the draft work plan for 2024, will be before the Board for approval at its January meeting. Also, the Committee had discussed a new policy, "GA-16 Communication and Information Sharing Within the Board," which is currently before the Board for approval.

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

1. Bailey Gauthier
2. Liz Venczel, resident of Byward Market; Criminology PhD student at the University of Ottawa; member of the Criminalization and Punishment Education Project
3. Robin Browne, 613-819 Black Hub (he/him)

Public delegations spoke to a lack of support for the 2024 Ottawa Police Service draft budget; accommodating hybrid Board meetings; concerns regarding the proposed Neighbourhood Operations Center (NOC) at 50 Rideau Street and its impact on the community; and the disproportionate use of force on Indigenous and racialized residents.

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

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

Received

8.3 Board Policy for Approval: GA-16 Communication and Information Sharing Within the Board

Policy and Governance Committee report

That the Ottawa Police Services Board approve new Board Policy GA:16 Communication and Information Sharing within the Board, as endorsed by the Policy and Governance Committee.

Carried

8.4 Neighbourhood Operations Centre Implementation Plan

Chief's report

It was clarified that the Neighbourhood Operations Centre (NOC) is not a police station but rather part of a strategy to improve safety in the ByWard Market. 18 agencies have agreed to partner with the OPS. Currently, there is a challenge with a lack of coordination as well as duplication among service providers and the NOC is intended to be one step in untangling some of these issues.

A suggestion was made for the Service to work on more succinct communications to clarify the role of the NOC for the benefit of the public, including discussing what is and isn't working.

In response to a question, it was noted the 'core' does not have specific boundaries; there is some flexibility.

The Board requested to be kept informed, including on the key performance indicators. A request was made for an initial report back at the April 2024 meeting.

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

Received

8.5 Board Discretionary Fund: 2023 Annual Report

Executive Director's report

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

Received

8.6 Outstanding Board Inquiries & Motions: December 2023

Executive Director's report

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

Received

8.7 Letters of Commendation - December 2023

Chief's report

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

Received

9. 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. Labour Relations Matter
2. Labour Relations Matter
3. Complaints Committee Report
4. Briefing on Major Events and Demonstrations
5. Executive Succession Management Program
6. Legal Matter
7. Complaint Matter
8. Legal Matter

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.

12. Next Meeting

Regular Meeting – Monday, January 22, 2024 - 4:00 PM