



Ottawa Police Services Board

Minutes

Meeting #: 97
Date: February 26, 2024
Time: 4:00 pm
Location: Electronic Participation

Present: Chair: Salim Fakirani, Councillor Cathy Curry, Councillor Marty Carr, Peter Henschel

Absent: Mayor Mark Sutcliffe, Michael Doucet

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

The Chair delivered some brief remarks in recognition of Black History Month and invited community leader, activist, educator, and founder of the Ubuntu Collective, Ms. June Girvan, to say a few words as well.

The Chair noted there was a quorum issue for the public meeting and requested the Board's consent to amend the agenda and defer all Items of Business, with the exception of Item 8.3, to the March 25th regular meeting.

That the Ottawa Police Services Board confirm the amended agenda of the 26 February 2024 meeting.

Carried as amended

3. Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 Minutes 96#1 and 96#2 of 22 January 2024

That the Ottawa Police Services Board confirm Minutes 96 #1 and 96 #2 of the 22 January 2024 meeting.

Carried

4. Committee Meetings: Reports from Committee Chairs & Minutes

4.1 Finance and Audit Committee - Draft Minutes #24 of 2 February, 2024

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

Received

4.2 Human Resources Committee - Draft Minutes #18 of 16 February 2024

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. Robin Browne, 613-819 Black Hub (he/him)
2. Alek Golijanin
3. David Hill, Councillor, Ward 3
4. Paul Champ

Public delegations spoke to OPS use of force statistics and disproportionality, general occurrence reports and a lack of policy to challenge them, auto theft, and demonstrations and over policing.

It was clarified with respect to one delegation's comments that the *Police Services Act* does not permit criminal defence lawyers to be members of Police Services Boards.

In terms of the delegation focused on demonstrations and over policing, the Board confirmed it would be completing a review of its major events policy.

The Service noted that they are doing their best with limited resources to combat vehicle theft. There are two main challenges when dealing with car theft which are the technology used by the thieves and organized crime. They are cooperating with the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) and other partners.

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.

Deferred

8.2 Chief's verbal report

Chief's report

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

Deferred

8.3 Update on Demonstration Activity

Presentation

The Service noted that they are continually improving their response and are open for feedback. They are seeing an unprecedented level of demonstrations in Ottawa that require a significant effort to manage. They are always adjusting and changing their strategies. Frontline officers are working long hours and dealing with verbal and physical abuse from some protestors.

In terms of the miscommunication that recently occurred between OPS and Bylaw and what is being done to prevent this from happening in the future, the Service noted they recently had Bylaw review a message before it went out to the public.

In terms of discretion used when issuing megaphone and roadway tickets, the Service noted they employ a scalable approach where they will issue lots of warnings. They ensure coordination with Bylaw services and also employ enforcement when it is safe to do so, so as to not create more issues if not needed.

In terms of megaphone use, the Service advised that profanity and hate speech is not allowed. Further, if the megaphone is brought in the vicinity of a Bylaw or police officers head, it may elicit an enforcement response if the activity continues.

The Service has many conversations with organizers before events to lay out ground rules. Sometimes people will go into crowds and go against the agreements reached between police and organizers; there are some people who have a different agenda than the rest of peaceful organizers.

In terms of charges for blocking a roadway, the Service noted they may do so if demonstrators block a highway or roadway and refuse to move. If disruptions are brief and controlled, the Service can coordinate with demonstrators and plan accordingly.

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

Received

8.4 Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CPSA)

Presentation & Chief's report

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

Deferred

8.5 2024 Internal Audit Work Plan

Chief's report

That the Ottawa Police Services Board approve the 2024 Internal Audit Work Plan as endorsed by the Finance and Audit Committee.

Deferred

8.6 Financial Accountability Procedures Manual Update

Chief's report

That the Ottawa Police Services Board approve the updated Financial Accountability Procedures Manual as endorsed by the Finance and Audit Committee.

Deferred

8.7 Renewal of Microsoft Enterprise Agreement

Chief's report

That the Ottawa Police Services Board delegate authority to the Chief of Police for the purchase of the Microsoft Canada Inc. Enterprise Agreement renewal for a five-year term from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2029 for the upward amount of \$8,363,015 net of HST.

Deferred

8.8 South Facility Project Update – Fourth Quarter 2023

Chief's report

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

Deferred

8.9 Safe Workplace Update Report

Chief's report

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

Deferred

8.10 Performance Report – Fourth Quarter 2023

Chief's report

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

Deferred

8.11 Report on the Special Investigations Unit 23-OCD-243

Chief's report

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

Deferred

8.12 Report on the Special Investigations Unit 23-OCD-309

Chief's report

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

Deferred

8.13 Report on the Special Investigations Unit 23-OCD-375

Chief's report

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

Deferred

8.14 Workforce Management Report – Fourth Quarter 2023

Chief's report

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

Deferred

8.15 Legal Services Status Report – 2023 Fourth Quarter

Board Solicitor's report

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

Deferred

8.16 Outstanding Board Inquiries & Motions: February 2024

Executive Director's report

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

Deferred

8.17 Letters of Commendation - February 2024

Chief's report

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

Deferred

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. Operational update re: Major Events and Demonstrations
2. Legal Services Report – Fourth Quarter 2023
3. Labour Relations Unit Report – Fourth Quarter 2023
4. Labour Relations Matter
5. Delay Application

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

12. Next Meeting

Regular Meeting – Monday, March 25, 2024 - 4:00 PM

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