



**Ottawa Police Service Board
Policy and Governance Committee
Minutes**

Meeting #: 18
Date: May 17, 2024
Time: 1:00 pm
Location: Electronic Participation
Present: Chair: Michael Doucet, Salim Fakirani
Absent: Mayor Mark Sutcliffe

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1. Confirmation of Agenda

That the Ottawa Police Service Board's Policy and Governance Committee confirm the agenda of the 17 May 2024 meeting.

Carried

2. Confirmation of Minutes

2.1 Minutes #17 of 13 March 2024

That the Ottawa Police Service Board's Policy and Governance Committee confirm Minutes #17 of the 13 March 2024 meeting.

Carried

3. Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were filed.

4. Items of Business

4.1 Update: Review of Board Policy CR-17 Major Events

Executive Director's report

Presentation by the Ottawa People's Commission

Reports from the Ottawa People's Commission – Part I & Part II

Alex Neve and Robert Fox from the Ottawa People's Commission were in attendance. They called for more attention, awareness and acknowledgement of human rights-based restrictions and limitations. They emphasized specifically a call for a human rights framework to be developed for the City. The policy would guide the OPS and By-law and other responders to any protest in the national capital. They noted that such a framework would strengthen accountability and public confidence.

A question was raised about how the Ottawa People's Commission envisions the Board's consultation process and responsibilities in preparing this type of policy.

Alex Neve said that having a good process is important and that it will be beneficial that the process be overseen and carried out by an outside external consultant. It could be a 6-month exercise. The consultant would need support to carry out the research. He added that Ottawa would be a leading champion in doing this but there are other examples to look to and learn from. The process may need have two dimensions: public input including online and offline fora in addition to consultations with experts including policing experts.

Robert Fox added that the City is the primary target of the Commission's recommendation to establish a human rights framework because this would require a holistic approach that goes beyond policing, involving a wide range of municipal services.

The Committee emphasized that such an undertaking would require the inclusion of a broad spectrum of stakeholders.

The Service said that they are willing to participate and contribute to this process after completing the ongoing work toward compliance with the new Community Safety and Policing Act. OPS added that such a policy would provide significant value.

The Committee tasked the Senior Policy Advisor with conducting an environmental scan to identify national and international best practices that could inform Board policy on human rights-compliant policing of major events.

That the Ottawa Police Service Board's Policy and Governance Committee receive this item for information and discussion.

Received

4.2 Update: Ottawa Police Service Board Strategic Plan 2024-2027

Presentation

The Service noted that they are confident that they will meet the provincial funding conditions. They are working with the City and the Province to develop the required proposals and meet the timelines.

With respect to project management, the Service said that they will be able to update the Board on the project management methodology in the future.

A question was raised with regards to slide 4 of the presentation and how initiatives in tier 1 and 2 will be implemented. The Service clarified that initiatives of the first two tiers will be tied to a specific pillar of the strategic plan. Also, the pillar will have the KPI aligned underneath it. The Service will provide the Board with an update on strategic planning in June.

That the Ottawa Police Service Board's Policy and Governance Committee receive this item for information.

4.3 Update: Review of Board Policy GA-8 Legal Services

Executive Director's report

It was noted that the draft policy is in line with the recommendation of the Auditor General. The policy does not only addresses situations of conflict of interest but also perceived conflicts of interest.

That the Ottawa Police Service Board's Policy and Governance Committee:

1. **Receive this item for review and input.**
2. **Forward the updated policy to the Board for approval and adoption at the May meeting.**

Received and Carried

4.4 Board Policies required under the Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA)

Executive Director's report

The Service raised a concern that the Chief is not mentioned in the conflict of interest policy where there is a delegated authority. It was clarified that the procedure relating to the conflict of interest process will be established by the Service through the Chief or his designate. The Executive Director will verify with external counsel that this is possible.

That the Ottawa Police Service Board's Policy and Governance Committee:

1. **Receive this item for review and input.**
2. **Forward the draft policies to the Board for approval and adoption at the May meeting.**

Received and Carried

5. Other Business

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 02:02 pm.

7. Next Meeting

Monday, July 8, 2024 1pm

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