



Ottawa Police Service Board

Minutes

Meeting #: 101
Date: May 27, 2024
Time: 4:00 pm
Location: Electronic Participation

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

Absent: Michael Doucet

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

That the Ottawa Police Service Board confirm the agenda of the 27 May 2024 meeting.

Carried

3. Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 Minutes #100 of 22 April 2024

That the Ottawa Police Service Board confirm Minutes #100 of the 22 April 2024 meeting.

Carried

4. Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were filed.

5. Public Delegations

1. Robin Browne, 613-819 Black Hub (he/him)
2. Bryan Melanson
3. Christine Vincent
4. Sandra Milton
5. Brigitte Fontille
6. Louise Malette
7. Pat Hurley
8. Natalie Bergin - President of Trace the Lace

Public delegations spoke to the concept of layered policing, district model, police involvement in responding to people experiencing mental health crises, laced drugs and community safety. Delegates also expressed support of the CORE program and spoke about issues within the ByWard Market like violence, drug dealing, noise pollution and homeless crisis.

6. Inquiries

There were no Inquiries.

7. Items of Business

7.1 Chair's verbal report

Chair's report

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

Received

7.2 Chief's verbal report

Chief's report

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

Received

7.3 Office of the Auditor General (OAG): 2024 – 2027 Audit Work Plan for the Ottawa Police Service

Auditor General's report & Presentation

A question was raised about the possibility of combining certain categories in the audit process, such as staffing, special constable, and cyber security with project management, considering their interrelated nature. The Auditor General noted that many of these issues are interrelated, but combining these topics would not be optimal as it would not provide adequate conditions for a comprehensive coverage of these areas.

A member of the Board noted that they would have preferred project management to be higher up in the sequencing of proposed audits.

That the Ottawa Police Service Board approve the Office of the Auditor General's 2024-2027 Audit Work Plan for the Ottawa Police Service.

Carried

7.4 Presentation on Core Strategy and Neighbourhood Operations Centre Implementation Plan

Presentation

The Board appreciated the presentation, the data presented and the inclusive approach involving the broader community and various partners

emphasizing the importance of restoring confidence in downtown safety, particularly among seniors who have expressed reluctance to visit. The Chief acknowledged the significant workload ahead and emphasized the need to allocate resources accordingly, noting that despite some challenges, the CORE strategy is off to a promising start.

That the Ottawa Police Service Board receive this presentation for information.

Received

7.5 Canadian Association of Police Governance Annual Conference and Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Summit: Attendance and Sponsorship

Executive Director's report

That the Ottawa Police Service Board approve:

1. **The attendance of S. Fakirani, M. Carr, H. Sayah and D. Donaldson at the 2024 Canadian Association of Police Governance Conference being held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, from August 8-11, 2024.**
2. **The attendance of S. Fakirani, P. Henschel, H. Sayah and M. Doucet at the 2024 Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Summit being held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, from August 11-13, 2024.**
3. **A \$1,000 Friend sponsorship for the Canadian Association of Police Governance's 2024 Annual Conference.**

Carried as amended

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

Executive Director's report

That the Ottawa Police Service Board approve the amended policy attached in this report, as reviewed by the Board's Policy and Governance Committee.

Carried

7.7 Board Policies for Approval: Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA)

Executive Director's report

That the Ottawa Police Service Board approve the Board policies attached in this report, in keeping with the requirements of the Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA), as reviewed by the Board's Policy and Governance Committee.

Carried

7.8 Delegated Authority for Extension of Contract with Garda Canada Security Corp. to Provide Security Screening Personnel at Ottawa Courthouse

Chief's report

That the Ottawa Police Service Board delegate authority to the Chief of Police to renew the contract with Garda Canada Security Corp. to provide security screening personnel at the single point of access at the Ottawa Courthouse, for the period of June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025.

Carried

7.9 Renewal of Memorandum Of Understanding Between the Ottawa Police Service Board and the City of Ottawa (Transportation Services)

Chief's report

That the Ottawa Police Service Board approve the continuation of the OC Transpo Special Constable Program under the same terms as the current Memorandum of Understanding until September 30, 2024.

Carried

7.10 Review of Operations February 16-18th, 2024

Chief's report

The Service addressed the community's criticism following the fireworks event by clarifying that an independent review of their operational planning revealed a robust security plan was in place. However, the review also highlighted areas for improvement, and OPS has accepted all the recommendations in the report. It was further clarified that OPS will not discuss all recommendations publicly due to the internal sensitivity of some, but they are committed to working on all of them.

The report also revealed a lack of communication from the on-ground supervisor to the duty inspector. The Service will address this issue to ensure clarity and proper communication, enhancing the handling of future events to ensure community safety and security.

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

Received

7.11 Financial Status Report : First Quarter 2024

Chief's report

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

Received

7.12 Performance Report : First Quarter 2024

Chief's report

A concern was raised with regard to issues with automatic calls to 911 from Android devices and if there are any potential lawsuits against phone companies. The Service is not aware of any lawsuits against phone companies in relation to this matter.

A member mentioned an incident in Kanata where multiple 911 calls were

not descriptive enough, leading 911 to fail to understand the gravity of the incident, thus leading to a delayed police response. Afterwards, the Service listed the organization at which the incident occurred as a priority 911 caller. The Board asked for clarifications as to the process and criteria for designating priority callers. The Service responded that this designation is primarily based on premise history. Some places have high needs or are particularly volatile or dangerous. When a place is designated as a priority caller, even if little info is extracted from a 911 call, officers treat it as a priority in light of premise history. The designation is removed when the cause for the initial designation disappears.

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

Received

7.13 Sworn Promotion Process : 2023 Annual Report

Chief's report

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

Received

7.14 Workforce Management Report : First Quarter 2024

Chief's report

The Board expressed concerns regarding the high number of resignations among sworn and civilian female members of the Service compared to males, asking whether it is indicative of a potential trend. The Service responded that the situation is not concerning, is being closely monitored, and that the numbers are in line with the Service's initial forecast.

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

Received

7.15 Legal Services report: First Quarter 2024

Board Solicitor's report

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

Received

7.16 Outstanding Board Inquiries, Motions & Directions: May 2024 Report

Executive Director's report

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

Received

7.17 Letters of Commendation: May 2024

Chief's report

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

Received

8. Other Business

The Board congratulated the Mayor for running a marathon in support of Ottawa Victim Services and the father of Barrhaven homicide victims.

9. In Camera Items

In accordance with Section 44 of the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*, the Ottawa Police Service Board met in a closed session prior to the public meeting to discuss items pertaining to the following subject matter:

1. Operational Update re: Major Events and Demonstrations
2. Review of Operations February 16-18th, 2024
3. Labour Relations Unit Report - First Quarter 2024

4. OPS Cyber Security Strategy Report - First Quarter 2024
5. Two Temporary Requests for Assistance (CSPA, S. 19)
6. Labour Relations Matter
7. Legal Services Report: 1st Quarter 2024
8. Legal Matter
9. Labour Relations Matter
10. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.
11. Next Meeting
Regular Meeting – Monday, June 24, 2024 - 4:00 PM

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