



Ottawa Police Service Board

Minutes

Meeting #: 103
Date: June 24, 2024
Time: 4:00 pm
Location: Electronic Participation

Present: Chair: Salim Fakirani, Mayor Mark Sutcliffe, Vice Chair: Marty Carr, Dave Donaldson

Absent: Councillor Cathy Curry, Michael Doucet, Peter Henschel

-
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 24 June 2024 meeting.

Carried

3. Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 Minutes #101 of 27 May 2024

That the Ottawa Police Service Board confirm Minutes #101 of the 27 May 2024 meeting.

Carried

4. Committee Meetings: Reports from Committee Chairs & Minutes

4.1 Policy and Governance - Draft Minutes #18 of 17 May, 2024

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

Received

5. Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were filed.

6. Public Delegations

- 1- Robin Browne
- 2- Briana Fayad (did not speak as she was unable to attend)
- 3- Bruce Baker (did not speak due to connection problem)
- 4- James Adair
- 5- Susan Khazaeli
- 6- Erica Englert
- 7- Roberto Lima
- 8- Anya Fraser
- 9- Jennifer O'Neil
- 10- Amela Bojjic

Public delegations spoke about Lowertown's crisis and violence, the management of pro-Palestinian demonstrations in the streets and at the university of uOttawa, Sandy hill safety issues including the use of drugs, vandalism, break-ins, illegal drugs use, trespassing, sex crimes and violence in a residential area Ottawa Centre 454.

Asked whether By-law officers' responsiveness, delegate Susan Khazaeli said that By-law officers are reluctant to act and don't feel safe unless accompanied by Police officers who are often unable to assist because they are short-staffed.

The Service noted that the new CORE strategy will help address some of those problems and they are moving in the right direction.

The Board also received 6 written submissions. Four of these related to the policing of the CANSEC event. One submission related to the Board's role in community safety and well-being planning and the final one related to the processing of criminal harassment reports.

7. Inquiries

There were no Inquiries.

8. Items of Business

8.1 Chair's verbal report

Chair's report

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

Received

8.2 Chief's verbal report

Chief's report

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

Received

8.3 10-Year Traffic Stop Race Data Collection Report

Chief's report & Presentation

When asked how realistic the commitments to complete all steps are, including the training of members and upskilling them, while noting that they had a great relationship with CEC, the Service acknowledged that this would be a heavy lift. The Service is committed to allocate more resources to make a real change.

With regards to the training for OPS's members, the foundations exist, and they are continuing to build on that. The key challenge is implementing the report's recommendations within the new district model.

A Member noted that the study was a good basis for moving forward even though there are some disconcerting results. One of the components is that officers were encouraged to record if they knew the race of the individual before the stop. The researchers clarified that the interaction with the officer doesn't just happen at t1 but unfolds beyond the traffic stop. Focusing on racial disparities in traffic stops is not conducive to a better understanding of the importance of the entire encounter.

A concern was raised with regard to use of force data and the Service was asked if there was a way to leverage this work by drawing implications on use of force. The Service said that a different group of community representatives is currently examining the use of force data. They Service and community partners will look at the two data sets separately but CEC will amalgamate this into a single standard to address disproportionality across the board.

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

Received

8.4 Agreement Renewal Between the Ottawa Police Service Board and the City of Ottawa Transit Services, Special Constable Program

Chief's report

That the Ottawa Police Service Board approve the revised agreement for continuation of the City of Ottawa, Transit Services, Special Constable Program pursuant to the Community Safety and Policing Act for a 5-year term ending June 30, 2029.

Carried

8.5 Assistance in the provision of policing on Canada day 2024

Chief's report

That the Ottawa Police Service Board delegate authority to the Chair and Vice-Chair to approve:

1. **appointments of special constable status in relation to Canada Day 2024;**
2. **any requests for temporary assistance that are required by the Ottawa Police Service to secure resources from other police services to assist with the operational response to Canada Day, and sign any related memoranda of understanding pursuant to Board policy CR-17 "Major Events".**

Any exercise of this delegated authority will be reported out at the next regular meeting of the Board, to be ratified as part of the minutes.

Carried

8.6 Response to Inquiry I-24-01 - OPS' Summary of the Costs of Demonstrations In 2023

Chief's report

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

Received

8.7 Ottawa Police Service Annual Report: 2023

Chief's report

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

Received

8.8 Report on Special Investigations Unit - Investigation 23-OVD-111

Chief's report

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

Received

8.9 Professional Standards Unit: 2023 Annual Report

Chief's report

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

Received

8.10 2024-2027 Strategic Plan: Semi-Annual Report

Chief's report

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

Received

8.11 Outstanding Board Inquiries, Motions & Directions: June 2024 Report

Senior Policy Advisor's report

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

Received

8.12 Letters of Commendation: June 2024

Chief's report

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

Received

9. Other Business

10. 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. Update On Demonstrations and Event Management
2. Canada Day Briefing
3. Equipment Maintenance Contract
4. Labour Relations Matter
5. Request for Temporary Assistance for the National Canada Day Celebration
6. Personal Matter
7. Labour Relations Matter
8. Labour Relations Matter
9. Labour Relations Matter
10. Labour Relations Matter
11. Labour Relations Matter
12. Legal Matter
13. Legal Matter
14. Legal Matter
15. Legal Matter

16. Legal Matter

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 05:51 pm.

12. Next Meeting

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

DRAFT