



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

Meeting #: 19
Date: August 19, 2024
Time: 2:00 pm
Location: Electronic Participation

Present: Chair: Michael Doucet, Salim Fakirani

Absent: Mayor Mark Sutcliffe

1. Confirmation of Agenda

That the Ottawa Police Service Board's Policy and Governance Committee confirm the agenda of the 19 August 2024 meeting.

Carried

2. Confirmation of Minutes

2.1 Minutes #18 of 17 May 2024

The Committee requested the A/ED to add an item to the next P&G agenda with respect to the human rights-compliant policing of major events.

That the Ottawa Police Service Board's Policy and Governance Committee confirm Minutes #18 of the 17 May 2024 meeting.

Carried

3. Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were filed.

4. Items of Business

4.1 Assistance in the Provision of Policing

Acting Executive Director 's report

OPS commented that with respect to Section 4.3 and from an operational perspective updating the Board is challenging in a high paced environment.

While noting that the draft provides a an adequate foundation, the Service is looking forward to further discussing the draft policy with the Acting Executive Director to ensure that it is operationally practical.

At the suggestion of Chief Stubbs, the Committee directed the Acting Executive Director to establish a working group to coordinate major policy initiatives, including the policy on Assistance in the Provision of Policing.

The working group will Acting Executive Director Habib Sayah, Superintendent Nancy Murray, and Executive Director of Strategy & Communications John Steinbachs. The Service will designate additional stakeholders to contribute to the working group on an ad hoc basis.

Regarding the Policy on Assistance in the Provision of Policing, the working group is given two months to finalize consultations before the Policy is submitted for the Board's approval. The Committee requested an update on the work of the group at the September meeting and bring the final piece in the October meeting if it's not ready in September.

A comment was raised to change the first bullet to include "ensure the continued provision of adequate and effective policing in Ottawa" because it is the primary mandate of the board. It was noted that with regard to

emergencies, the information to be provided should identify the responding service.

It was noted that the assigned working group need to discuss the notice that will be sent to the Inspector General and the possibility of doing this within 24 and how practical this would be from an operational perspective.

It was further noted that the report suggested by the policy could be annual rather than semi-annual.

It was suggested with regards to the delegation of authority for section 19 requests to continue the current practice and have the Chair and Vice Chair to approve them, rather than having a committee structured for those requests of assistance.

It was recommended that the policy come back to the P&G Committee in 18 months to see how it worked operationally and if it needs any changes.

It was noted that section 14 agreements should cover Canada Day, the Panda Games and other recurring events for which the Service requires assistance.

A question was raised regarding the policy that includes OPP, Board to Board Commissionaire, First Nations, but it does not include other forces from like RCMP or the Quebec forces.

The Acting Executive Director clarified that the policy reflects the requirement of the CSPA which does not cover assistance from RCMP, however, depending on the frequency of those requests, the Board can amend the policy after a conversation with the Service.

The Acting Executive Director was tasked with engaging with the Inspector General's office about amending the policy to include RCMP and Quebec forces.

The Acting Executive Director noted that he had already interacted with the Inspectorate of Policing regarding assistance from the RCMP. They may provide guidance with respect to this matter in the future. Although it is not required by the CSPA, the Board has applied the same process when assistance from the RCMP was required and notified the Inspector General even though there is no requirement for it.

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

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

Received and Carried

5. Other Business

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:53 pm.

7. Next Meeting

December 2, 2024 - 1:00 PM

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