



Ottawa Police Services Board

Minutes 41

Monday, 29 January, 2018, 4:00 PM

Champlain Room 110 Laurier Ave. West

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Present: Councillor E. El-Chantiry (Chair), L.A. Smallwood, (Vice Chair), A. Blaustein, Councillor A. Hubley, C. Nicholson, Councillor T. Tierney, S. Valiquet

SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

Ms. K. Ferraro, Executive Director, invited Ms. Andrea Blaustein to join Mr. D. White, Board Solicitor, at the podium to be sworn in as a new member of the Ottawa Police Services Board. Ms. Blaustein took the Oath of Office and was congratulated on becoming a Board member.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Ms. K. Ferraro, Executive Director, explained that in accordance with Section 28 of the *Police Services Act* and the Ottawa Police Services Board Procedural By-law, the Board must elect a Chair and a Vice Chair at its first meeting each year. Accordingly, she requested nominations for the position of Chair.

Member Smallwood moved that Member El-Chantiry be nominated to the position of Chair of the Ottawa Police Services Board. Member Nicholson seconded the nomination.

The Executive Director called for any additional nominations. There being none, the following motion was considered:

Moved by L. A. Smallwood

Seconded by C. Nicholson

That nominations for the position of Chair of the Ottawa Police Services Board be closed.

CARRIED

Moved by L. A. Smallwood

Seconded by C. Nicholson

That the Ottawa Police Services Board appoint E. El-Chantiry as Chair of the Board for 2018.

CARRIED

Chair El-Chantiry then called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair.

Member Valiquet moved that Member Smallwood be nominated to the position of Vice Chair, and Member Nicholson seconded the nomination. There being no other nominations, the following motion was considered:

Moved by S. Valiquet

Seconded by C. Nicholson

That nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Ottawa Police Services Board be closed.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Valiquet

Seconded by C. Nicholson

That the Ottawa Police Services Board appoint L. A. Smallwood as Vice Chair of the Board for 2018.

CARRIED

CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS

Chair El-Chantiry stated that 2018 is going to be a challenging and busy year contending with: opioids, legalization of cannabis, guns and gangs, Police Services Act changes, the search for a new Deputy Chief, and the Provincial and Municipal elections. Some of the work that is already underway and that will be continued in

2018 includes the Diversity Audit, the Equity and Diversity Inclusion Office, and the 2019-2012 Business Plan. The Board is looking forward to working with the Service in these areas as well as engaging with the community.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

That the Ottawa Police Services Board confirm the Agenda of the 29 January 2018 meeting.

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the Ottawa Police Services Board confirm the Minutes of the 18 December 2017 meeting.

CARRIED

INQUIRIES

Member Valiquet made the following inquiries:

1) MONTREAL POLICE SERVICE – FEMALE SWORN COMPLEMENT

Member Valiquet indicated that the Montreal Police Service (MPS) has a higher percentage of female officers. She would like the OPS to reach out to the MPS and report back to the Board on what their Service has done to increase the number of women officers.

2) SERVICE INITIATIVE

Member Valiquet put forward an inquiry to the Chief looking for information on the successes that have been realized by the Service Initiative Program; in particular, the benefits that have been achieved financially and through improved service delivery. In terms of the projects and initiatives that won't fully realize their potential for several years, Member Valiquet requested to know how these initiatives will be tracked and reported back so the Board can stay informed of the outcomes. She would like the Board to be informed on the go forward plans for any work that may be ongoing, beyond the Service Initiative Program.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRS & MINUTES

Policy & Governance Committee – Draft Minutes – 12 December 2017

That the Ottawa Police Services Board receive these minutes for information.

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ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. CHIEF'S VERBAL REPORT

Chief Bordeleau reported on the following items: Gun Violence, Safe Access Zones and Cannabis Legislation. *(A copy of the Chief's verbal report is available [online](#).)*

Cannabis Legislation

It was noted that the storage and nurturing of any plants that are seized is an issue the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police is dealing with. It will be problematic for local police services and there is advocacy taking place to see if the impact can be mitigated. DC Skinner is leading work to identify various issues associated with the legislation and how to resolve them. An implementation plan will be presented to the Board in February. The legislation will be implemented as directed by the Federal Government.

Safe Access Zone

It was clarified that protesters who enter the safe access zone will be warned to ensure they are aware they are not allowed within the zone. There is an expectation individuals will challenge the law. There is no set fine for trespassing at this time.

Guns & Gangs

Referencing the success of Project Sabotage, a question was raised as to whether there are sufficient resources to undertake a similar type of project. It was noted that in the short-term, resources are available however the Service is looking at different techniques and completing other gun-related investigations. Some realignment of covert units has also taken place, which augmented available resources.

The growth plan included the hiring of 75 officers, which concludes in 2018; 50 of those officers have been assigned to the frontline. Moving ahead, the 2018 draft budget included a forecast for 2019-2021 to hire another 90 officers to help support the difficult work officers are doing with the changing complexity of crimes taking place in our community.

It was noted that dealing with the issue of guns and gangs is not only for the police. The Siblings Project, in partnership with Crime Prevention Ottawa and the John Howard Society, is seeing much success. School resource officers, working with teachers and principals, are able to identify those who may be veering towards that type of criminal activity and refer those families and siblings to the involved partners. Further, there is much information sharing between the Guns and Gangs Unit and the School Resource Officers. A question was raised as to whether retired officers could be used in some of this work. While it has not been considered at this time, it is something that could be considered should there be enough referrals.

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2. OTTAWA POLICE SERVICES BOARD WORK PLAN: 2018

Executive Director's report

That the Ottawa Police Services Board approve the 2018 Board Work Plan.

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3. ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF POLICE SERVICES BOARDS: 2018
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Executive Director's report

That the Ottawa Police Services Board approve payment of \$6,154.53(including HST) to the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards for its 2018 membership fee.

CARRIED

4. APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL CONSTABLE: OTTAWA POLICE SERVICE

Chief's report

That the Ottawa Police Services Board approve the appointment of the OPS member, listed in Document 1, as a Special Constable pursuant to Section 53 of the Police Services Act, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the attached Approval of Appointment form.

CARRIED

5. RE-APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL CONSTABLES: OTTAWA POLICE SERVICE

Chief's report

That the Ottawa Police Services Board approve the re-appointment of two (2) OPS members, listed in Document 1, as Special Constable pursuant to Section 53 of the Police Services Act, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the attached Approval of Appointment form.

CARRIED

6. APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL CONSTABLES: ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Chief's report

That the Ottawa Police Services Board approve the appointment of the individuals listed in Document 1 as Special Constables pursuant to Section 53 of the Police Services Act, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the attached Approval of Appointment form.

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7. BOARD ACTIVITY, TRAINING AND PERFORMANCE: 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Executive Director's report

That the Ottawa Police Services Board:

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2. Direct the Executive Director to forward it to City Council for information.

CARRIED

8. BOARD CALENDAR OF MONITORING REQUIREMENTS 2018

Executive Director's report

That the Ottawa Police Services Board receive the 2018 Calendar of Monitoring Requirements for information.

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9. SCHEDULE OF CONFERENCES AND CAPG WEBINARS IN 2018

Executive Director's report

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10. 2016 – 2018 BUSINESS PLAN: SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

Chief's report

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11. OTTAWA POLICE SERVICE ACCESSIBILITY FOR ONTARIANS WITH
DISABILITIES ACT STATUS REPORT

Chief's report

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12. COLLECTION OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION - DUTIES & PROHIBITIONS
POLICY: ANNUAL REPORT

Chief's report

In 2015, there were approximately 7,000 street checks, in 2016 there were 4,000 and in 2017, after the change in the legislation, there were four regulated interactions. While the information collected in previous 'street checks' isn't directly comparable to the numbers being seen in regulated interactions, the drastic drop is being reviewed. Work with the Province and the community will continue in order to find a balance in collecting the right amount of information as it greatly assists in investigations. Justice Tulloch is conducting a review of the legislation and the OPS has provided input. The drop in numbers has occurred

across the province. Justice Tulloch intends to return to Ottawa sometime in February for community consultations. He hopes to have the recommendations put forward to the province sometime this year. The Board will be notified of Justice Tulloch's next visit to Ottawa.

There was substantial training regarding the new legislation, which is difficult and cumbersome. The way officers are being asked to engage with members of the public to collect information does not flow naturally and there is concern amongst officers about their exposure to the oversight system. These factors have contributed to the drop in numbers.

This is the first annual report which provides a 7-month snapshot of information collected. There is more work to be done on the legislation in order to find a balance between community privacy concerns and what information police require.

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13. SECONDARY ACTIVITIES: 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Chief's report

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14. PUBLIC REWARDS: 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Chief's report

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15. APPOINTMENTS MADE UNDER THE INTERPROVINCIAL POLICING ACT:
2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Chief's report

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16. REPORT ON SIU INVESTIGATION

Chief's report

Both officers involved in this investigation were overdue for training. The Chief has ordered an audit to ensure that the Service is compliant with any mandatory training dictated by the province. The results of the audit are due within a couple of weeks and should the audit show any mandatory training is incomplete for members, this training will be completed.

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17. LEGAL SERVICES STATUS REPORT: 2017 FOURTH QUARTER

Board Solicitor's report

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18. OUTSTANDING BOARD INQUIRIES & MOTIONS: JANUARY 2018

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20. LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Chief's report

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OTHER BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA

That the Ottawa Police Services Board adjourn the public portion of its meeting to move In Camera to discuss confidential items pertaining to legal and personnel matters in accordance with Section 35(4)(b) of the Police Services Act.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Ferraro
Executive Director

E. El-Chantiry
Chair