



Ottawa Police Services Board

SPECIAL MEETING

Minutes 24

Monday, 07 November, 2016, 4:00 PM

Champlain Room 110 Laurier Ave. West

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Present: Councillor E. El-Chantiry (Chair), Councillor J. Harder, C. Nicholson,
Councillor T. Tierney

Regrets: J. Durrell, L. A. Smallwood, S. Valiquet

CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

1) Councillor Harder

Chair El-Chantiry announced that due to Member Harder's heavy workload with the City Planning Committee and other City commitments, this would be her final Board meeting. On behalf of the Board he thanked her for her contributions to the Service and the Board. The Chief and other Board members echoed these sentiments.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

That the Ottawa Police Services Board confirm the Agenda of the 7 November 2016 meeting.

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ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. 2017 DRAFT OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS

Presentation

Documents to be tabled at the meeting

Chief Bordeleau introduced Director General D. Frazer, Mr. J. Letourneau, Chief Financial Officer and Mr. W. Salem, Manager, Financial Planning, who presented an overview of the 2017 Draft Budgets. *(A copy of the [presentation](#) will be kept on file with the Board's Executive Director.)*

Mr. Letourneau recognized the following individuals who contributed significantly to putting the budget together: Mr. W. Salem, Ms. S. Hamilton, Ms. V. McCallum, Mr. J. Sweet, Mr. O. Bell as well as the translators and the print shop who worked diligently to pull the documents together. On behalf of the Board, Chair El-Chantiry thanked everyone involved in the process for their hard work.

Chair El-Chantiry announced that in order to provide an opportunity for questions on the draft budget, the Ottawa Police Services Board Finance and Audit Committee will be holding a meeting at noon on 17 November. As the budget affects the entire city of Ottawa, all councillors have been invited to attend to ask questions of the Board, Police Chief and staff. As Chair, his goal is to encourage transparency and give his Council colleagues more opportunity to engage with the Chief. Councillors have also been invited to attend and ask questions at the Board's regular meeting on 28 November.

A discussion ensued and the following points of clarification were made:

- A cautious, prudent and responsible approach has been adopted to grow the police service by 75 officers over three years, while taking a hard look at how they are doing business. By 2018, once the benefits of the Service Initiative (SI) and other transformation projects are implemented, staff will be in a better position to ascertain whether or not the Service needs to continue growing. Calls for service are stable, if not declining somewhat, however the complexity of crime is changing.
- An OPS inspector is in charge of working with the Ottawa 2017 team on the celebrations for Canada's 150th anniversary. A matrix is being used to understand the security requirements for each of the estimated 1200 events scheduled. To date 10 major events have been identified as requiring police presence, however, other events are being discussed that could possibly have a significant impact if they occur. Staff will

continue to assess the situation as new events are brought to their attention.

- Approximately \$1.5M has been identified to deal with these 10 major events. Any costs associated with Canada 2017 events are over and above the operating budget and external sources of revenue will be sought to fund them. Should the external sources of revenue not be forthcoming then the budget will run a deficit.
- All the events that require a police presence at an increased level are cost recoverable. The threat landscape can change very quickly and the police must be ready to adjust and adapt to the changing landscape that exists in Canada and abroad.

Councillor K. Egli, Ward 9, Knoxdale-Merivale, on behalf of community organizations in his ward, delivered three letters to the Board regarding concerns about the upcoming changes to community policing.

That the Ottawa Police Services Board receive and table the Ottawa Police Service 2017 Draft Operating and Capital Budgets, to be considered at the Board meeting on 28 November 2016.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

W. Fedec
Executive Director

E. El-Chantiry
Chair