

MINUTES

OTTAWA POLICE SERVICES BOARD FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING

25 July 2016, 2:00 p.m.
Honeywell Room, 2nd floor, Ottawa City Hall

Committee Members: E. El-Chantiry (Chair); J. Durrell

Present: Chair E. El-Chantiry; Vice Chair J. Durrell; Chief C. Bordeleau; Director General D. Frazer; Chief Information Officer D. Steeves; Director J. Steinbachs, Board Executive Director W. Fedec

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

That the Finance and Audit Committee confirm the Agenda of the 25 July 2016 meeting.

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the Finance and Audit Committee confirm the Minutes from the 19 January 2016 meeting.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. 2017 BUDGET FRAMEWORK AND TIMETABLE

Chief Bordeleau introduced a presentation that was provided to Committee members and those in attendance that covered: principles and context surrounding the 2017 budget; budget challenges; a forecast for 2018-2020; the 2017 Capital Budget; potential tax rate increase targets; and a timetable for the budget process. He noted City Council is expected to provide direction on the target in September. A copy of the presentation will be held on file with the Board Executive Director.

Director General Frazer went through the presentation and she and the Chief responded to questions from the Committee members. Comments of note included the following:

- The Committee requested that emphasizing and directing resources to crime prevention (as opposed to enforcement) be captured as a guiding principle upfront so officers see it as a priority. Chief Bordeleau concurred with that principle, saying the goals of the Service Initiative include providing officers with more proactive time so they can be ahead of what is happening in their neighbourhood, give them better data to help target their efforts, and make sure they have time for youth intervention work as well.
- Chief Bordeleau confirmed the OPS is working with the City in planning 2017 events and has flagged with the City and the Federal Government the increased police responsibilities and security needs associated with the events. Talks are at the preliminary stage and no commitments to assist with costs have been received to date. The Chief clarified that these events would not be federally designated and therefore will not be eligible for any reimbursement from the Federal Government.
- It was suggested that future presentations on the budget include a pie chart showing what percentage policing costs comprise of the entire City budget, and comparisons with other cities. Chief Bordeleau said that can be done as long as the comparisons are “apples to apples”.

Director General Frazer advised that an update will be provided to this Committee and the Board once the City’s target and timetable are confirmed.

That the Finance and Audit Committee receive this item for information.

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NEXT MEETING

To be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.