



Ottawa Police Services Board

SPECIAL MEETING

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Wednesday, 06 February, 2019, 8:30 AM

Champlain Room, 110 Laurier Ave. West

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Present: Councillor D. Deans (Chair), L. A. Smallwood (Vice Chair), A. Blaustein, Councillor K. Egli, Councillor C. Meehan, S. Valiquet

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

That the Ottawa Police Services Board confirm the Agenda of the 6 February 2019 meeting.

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ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. 2019 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 2019 Draft Budgets. (A copy of the [presentation](#) will

be kept on file with the Board's Executive Director.)

Following the presentation, Chair Deans directed the Chief to prepare and present to the Board at its Finance and Audit Committee meeting on February 20, 2019, a budget options list that does not impact frontline services to residents and moderates the Service's reliance on the new revenue sources.

Chair Deans further directed, with respect to the fee structure for background checks, that the Chief prepare and present to the Board at its Finance and Audit Committee meeting on February 20, 2019, possible fee structure options that are not full cost recovery, which reduce the cost of background checks for youth 18 and under as well as non-profit organizations, and identify the resulting budget pressure for each option.

The following points were raised on the presentation:

- Efficiencies must be found in order to bring this tax rate down. Tapping into the Tax Stabilization Fund does not accurately reflect the needs of the police in our community. Need more sustainable options.
- A suggestion was made to create a foundation to fund equipment for the Service. A number of years ago the Service looked into creating a foundation, which would be a separate business line. It would have created many challenges with the *Police Services Act* so it was decided that the OPS would raise funds from the community with an annual gala in order to be to give back to a charity.
- Training dollars associated with drug recognition experts is included in the base budget. The Province has a central team that are responsible for the enforcement and investigation of issues associated with Cannabis. Those costs will not be borne by police service.
- The Province has not released any information regarding grants targeting marijuana and the legalization of cannabis. There are some funds that will be available, however, the Province is going through a vigorous review of all the policing grants. Revenue has been secured for 2019, but future years are uncertain.

The following questions were also raised for the Chief to respond to at a later date:

- Has Ottawa Police considered using accommodated officers on front desks?
- What is the comparative data regarding officers per square kilometers policed by the OPS versus other municipalities?

- What are the criteria/demands used by the OPS to calculate how many officers are required to police the community (beyond cop to pop)?

That the Ottawa Police Services Board receive and table the Ottawa Police Service 2019 Draft Operating and Capital Budgets, to be considered at the Board meeting on 25 February 2019.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

K. Ferraro
Executive Director

D. Deans
Chair