

OTTAWA POLICE SERVICES BOARD
POLICY & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES 13

11 September 2018, 3:00 p.m.

Richmond Room, 2nd floor, Ottawa City Hall

Present: Members: C. Nicholson (Chair), L.A. Smallwood
Regrets: T. Tierney
Others: Board Chair E. El-Chantiry; Board members A. Blaustein and S. Valiquet, Board Solicitor, D. White; Chief C. Bordeleau; Deputy Chiefs S. Bell and U. Jaswal; Director General D. Frazer; J. Letourneau, Chief Financial Officer; Supt. J. Dunlop, Executive Officer; Insp. M. Knowles, PSS and Special Projects; A/Insp. D. Zackarias, Patrol; S/S R. Lucas, PDC; A/S/S J. Devine, Special Projects; Z. Poulin, Trainer & Outreach; A. Gagnon, Media Relations Officer; L. Malaschenko, Legal Counsel; S. Movassaghi, Articling Student; Executive Director K. Ferraro; Board Assistant L. Kennedy

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Deputy Chief Bell requested Item 2: Cannabis Legalization Update be moved to Item #1 in order to be dealt with first.

Moved by L.A. Smallwood moved

That the Policy and Governance Committee confirm the Agenda of the 11 September 2018 meeting as amended.

CARRIED as amended

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of 4 April 2018

Minutes of 4 April 2018 – Confidential

That the Human Resources Committee confirm the Minutes from the 7 May 2018 meeting.

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Farewell to Board Member Carl Nicholson

On behalf of the Board, Chair El-Chantiry thanked Member Nicholson for his service and for all of the work he has done on behalf of the Board, the Service, and the community. Mr. Nicholson's provincial appointment ends on 14 September 2018.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. CANNABIS LEGALIZATION UPDATE

Presentation

Following the presentation the following points of clarification were made:

- Unlike the tiered response for Driving Under the Influence (DUI), suspension for Cannabis impairment will be based on the demonstrated signs of impairment and the decision of the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE).
- There is zero tolerance for alcohol and THC for commercial and novice drivers. Criminal sanctions for THC use will be decided by the court; different levels of THC come with different sanctions.
- At this time, the only way for officers to differentiate between legal and illegal products is by the packaging. If the product is not packaged it would have to be tested at a laboratory to determine its legality.
- Regarding what regulatory framework will exist, police services are awaiting for the government to decide the different roles for each organizations. As this should not be a policing function, the hope is another body will be established similar to the AGCO.
- The Board needs to be apprised of what the cost implications will be. The Chief noted there is a template being used to track both direct and indirect costs.
- The police service now has 24 drug recognition experts and 246 officers are trained to administer field sobriety tests; the hope is to double these numbers within the next two years.

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- Part of the current drug recognition training takes place in the US through the RCMP. The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACCP) and Public Safety Canada are looking to establish an in-Canada solution.
- There is a Youth Diversion Plan in place, however, staff are waiting to see what diversion plan the province will be sending out. School Resource Officers (SRO) have been in touch with Ottawa Public Health to ensure that the same messages are being communicated. The SRO's strategy is to communicate directly with youth and at the strategic level with teachers, boards, etc.
- Regarding search and seizure and the return of property, it was explained that there is training to be taken in this area. After reviewing past incidents, it is not likely the courts will order remuneration to the individual very often.
- It is believed that once edibles and consumables are legalized there will be an increase in medical costs and additional calls for paramedics. Individuals consuming cannabis in this fashion are now aware of how much they have consumed.

A similar presentation will be made at the Board's September meeting and it was suggested that all Councillors be invited to attend as it is important information that needs to be shared with the community.

That the Policy & Governance Committee receive this presentation for information.

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2. UPDATES TO FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY PROCEDURES MANUAL

Executive Director's report

That the Policy & Governance Committee recommend that the Board approve the updates to the Financial Accountability Procedures Manual, as described in this report and in Document 1, by means of enacting the amending by-law attached in Document 2.

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3. COMMUNITY EQUITY COUNCIL (CEC) UPDATE

Presentation

A discussion ensued after the presentation and the following points were made:

- One Elder will hold a non-voting seat on the Council representing their community. The Council will have other Aboriginal representation with voting privileges.
- The name was changed from COMPAC as it has a new membership and new terms of reference.
- The members of the new CEC will be invited to attend the Board meeting in October to be introduced.
- At its first meeting the Council will set-up the terms of reference and decide on the term lengths (i.e: 2 year term, not a seat for life).
- The Council will be meeting every two months and the location is to be determined. There will be working groups set up from the remainder of the applicant pool. It is also proposed that there be three standing committees.
- There are 148 groups in the community – it is not feasible to have one member for every group.
- The Council would not exist today without the great strides and work accomplished by COMPAC establishing themselves and building faith and trust with the police.

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OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

December 3, 2018 1:00pm