



## **Ottawa Police Services Board**

### **MINUTES 22**

**Monday, 26 September 2016, 4:00 p.m.**

**Champlain Room, 110 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa**

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**Present:** Councillor E. El-Chantiry (Chair), J. Durrell (Vice Chair), Councillor J. Harder, C. Nicholson, L.A. Smallwood, S. Valiquet

**Regrets:** Councillor T. Tierney

#### **CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

**That the Ottawa Police Services Board confirm the Agenda of the 26 September 2016 meeting.**

CARRIED

#### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**That the Ottawa Police Services Board confirm the Minutes of the 25 July 2016 meeting.**

CARRIED

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## INQUIRIES

### 1) Marijuana Dispensaries in Ottawa

Chair El-Chantiry submitted the following Inquiry and asked that the response be submitted to the Board at its next meeting:

- Chair El-Chantiry stated that several of his colleagues on City Council have inquired about the many marijuana dispensaries currently operating illegally in Ottawa. Their ward residents are concerned about having these illegal shops in their neighborhoods, and they want to be informed of the Ottawa Police Service's position on this issue.
- Also, Ontario Attorney General Y. Naqvi recently stated that it is up to the police to decide how they approach enforcement related to the activities of these shops.
- Given that, what action has the Ottawa Police Service decided to take regarding illegal marijuana dispensaries in Ottawa?

The Chair noted he will share the response with other members of Council.

## OPS PRESENTATION

### 1. CANADA 2017: OPS UPDATE Presentation by Superintendent J. McKenna, Ottawa Police Service

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*(A copy of the presentation will be kept on file with the Board's Executive Director.)* Deputy Chief Skinner introduced Supt. J. McKenna and Insp. M. Knowles from the Emergency Operations Directorate (EOD) as presenters for the 2017 Update.

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions and provided points of clarification including the following.

- Estimating the budget for these events will be a challenge as the costs remain uncertain, but staff are working to identify which costs will fall to event organizers (paid duty) and which will fall to the City and its police service. Some planned activities will trigger a onetime expense for the City. Staff are also working to identify potential funding sources such as: federal or provincial funding, one-time funding from the City, and OPS reserve funds. Recommendations for funding will be made to the Board as part of the 2017 budget.
- Concern was expressed about whether the Service will have enough resources to staff all these special events when it is already sometimes

difficult to obtain paid duty officers due to all the construction in the City and the requirement for paid duty officers at those sites. The Chief acknowledged there has been an abnormal amount of construction in 2016 but it won't be as great in 2017, which should free up more paid duty officers.

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS: REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRS & MINUTES

- Finance and Audit Committee draft minutes - 25 July 2016

**That the Ottawa Police Services Board receive these reports for information.**

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#### ITEMS OF BUSINESS

##### 1. CHIEF'S VERBAL REPORT

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Chief Bordeleau reported on the following items (*A copy of the Chief's verbal report is available online at [ottawapoliceboard.ca](http://ottawapoliceboard.ca)*):

- Body-Worn Video
- Back to School
- Grant a Wish – the Jacob's
- Homicides
- Dog Attack
- Insp. Pat Flanagan – Order of Merit
- Promotions
- Canadian Police and Peace Officers' Memorial.

##### Homicides

Responding to questions about the homicide on Shillington Avenue and the inability to stop crime in that area, Chief Bordeleau explained that a significant amount of resources have been invested at this address and officers are being subjected to charges of harassment by the business owners. There is a legal framework that must be worked within, and the police do not have the legal authority to shut down a business. The OPS will continue working with the City's By-law and Licensing units, who may have more powers than the police in this situation. The Chief further advised that charges have been laid against the

owner and are before the courts. They are working with the landlord from an eviction perspective, however, there are complications with the lease.

**That the Ottawa Police Services Board receive this report for information.**

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2. ATTENDANCE AT ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF POLICE SERVICES BOARDS' LABOUR SEMINAR  
Executive Director's report
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**That the Ottawa Police Services Board approve the attendance of E. El Chantiry, L.A. Smallwood and W. Fedec at the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB) Labour Seminar being held in Toronto, on October 20 - 21, 2016.**

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3. OTTAWA POLICE GALA - FUNDRAISER IN SUPPORT OF THE YUUVILLE CENTRE AND THE DISTRESS CENTRE OF OTTAWA & REGION  
Executive Director's report
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**That the Ottawa Police Services Board approve the purchase of a table at the Seventh Annual Ottawa Police Gala being held on November 5, 2016 at the Shaw Centre, at a cost of \$1,750.**

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4. TRAFFIC STOP RACE DATA COLLECTION PROJECT UPDATE  
Chief's report
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5. SERVICE INITIATIVE QUARTERLY UPDATE  
Chief's report

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Mr. Shane Quinn, a representative from the Safety Committee of the Civic Hospital Neighborhood Association, the Hintonburg Community Association and the Mechanicsville Association, posed three questions pertaining to the Service Initiative (SI):

- 1) When will the terms of reference for the Advisory Committee be made public?
- 2) When and how will the evaluation on the changes happen? and
- 3) What is the communication plan for all of these changes?

Responding to the first question, Deputy Chief Skinner explained that the Community Advisory Group will hold its first meeting in early October. At that meeting, they will deal with relationship building and review the draft Terms of Reference. Members will return to their associations to work through the terms of reference and then return to the Advisory Group with the feedback gathered to ensure as many perspectives as possible are incorporated. Minutes of the meetings will be submitted to the Board.

With respect to the second question, the Deputy Chief said they are still determining what the performance measures will look like and will continue to build them until it represents what they want to achieve, such as financial savings, building partnerships, being more efficient and effective, and providing an improved service.

With regard to the third question, the Board receives quarterly updates on the SI Initiative on the public agenda.

Chair El-Chantiry invited Mr. Quinn to speak with Deputy Chief Skinner after the meeting should he require additional information.

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6. RESPONSE TO INQUIRY I-16-03: OTTAWA POLICE SERVICE  
ACCOMMODATION  
Chief's report

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Chair El-Chantiry advised that Member Tierney, who raised this inquiry, was not able to attend the meeting and has asked that this item be deferred until the next meeting when he will be in attendance.

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7. RESPONSE TO INQUIRY I-16-04: SUPPLEMENTARY TRAINING  
Chief's report

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Member Smallwood explained that he raised this inquiry as a result of a report he had read written by Ontario Ombudsman P. Dubé entitled "A Matter of Life and Death". The report was not critical of policing but rather their training. The report states that Ontario has the shortest de-escalation course in Canada if not in North America, and there is a very high disparity between the training programs offered across various municipalities. The report mentions that one of the best training policies is in British Columbia (BC) and Member Smallwood asked if the OPS is using the B.C. model's Crisis Intervention and De-escalation training.

Chief Bordeleau advised that the OPS is just using the de-escalation training component from the BC model because the OPS is mandated to use the Ontario Use of Force training model set by the Province.

Responding to comments from Member Smallwood regarding officers using communication as a de-escalation technique before considering force options, Chief Bordeleau agreed that the first thing an officer does in any crisis situation is attempt to de-escalate the situation through communication, and 98% of the time they are successful in eliminating the threat. The communication continuum is always present in the use of force model as the officer assesses the behaviour of those involved.

Chief Bordeleau added that there are ongoing discussions between the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) and the Ministry of Community Safety and

Correctional Services (MCSCS) about the Ombudsman's recommendations and enhancing the public's trust and confidence in the model.

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8. RESPONSE TO INQUIRY I-16-05: MEDIA STATEMENTS  
Chief's report

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Member Smallwood wanted clarification on what process, or checks and balances, are in place in the event the police want to be selective with information released to the media. The Chief responded that the information released to the media (in the Gill murder case) was factual and did not contain any false information; it was used to advance investigative leads.

Chair El-Chantiry asked the Chief where the Crown fits into the process. Chief Bordeleau noted that the Crown was consulted in the preparation of the media release and was fully supportive of its content.

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9. OUTSTANDING BOARD INQUIRIES & MOTIONS: SEPTEMBER 2016  
Executive Director's report

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10. LETTERS OF COMMENDATION  
Chief's report

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OTHER BUSINESS

COMMUNICATIONS

1. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE *HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ACT*

Letter dated 3 August 2016 from The Honourable Steven Del Duca, Minister of Transportation in response to the Board's letter dated 22 March 2016

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CONSIDERATION OF MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA

Moved by J. Harder

**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 5:05 p.m.

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W. Fedec  
Executive Director

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E. El-Chantiry  
Chair