



Ottawa Police Services Board

Minutes 30

Monday, 24 April, 2017, 4:00 PM

Champlain Room 110 Laurier Ave. West

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Present: Councillor E. El-Chantiry (Chair), Councillor A. Hubley, C. Nicholson, L.A. Smallwood, Councillor T. Tierney, S. Valiquet

Regrets: J. Durrell

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

That the Ottawa Police Services Board confirm the Agenda of the 24 April 2017 meeting.

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the Ottawa Police Services Board confirm the Minutes of the 27 March 2017 meeting.

CARRIED

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRS & MINUTES

Finance and Audit Committee - Draft Minutes 3 April 2017

Chair El-Chantiry, as the Chair of the Finance and Audit Committees, reported on the meeting that had taken place.

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

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INQUIRIES

There were no inquiries.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. CHIEF'S VERBAL REPORT

Chief Bordeleau reported on the following items: Overdose Prevention Strategy, Arrest in Elmira Drive Murder, Officers Rescue Woman, Serial Break and Enters, E Platoon Makes Arrest in Taser Robberies, Handgun Seized After Shots Fired, More than 500 Charges Against Speeders, Hate Crime Reporting and Supt D. Sweet Retirement. A copy of the Chief's verbal report is available [online](#).

Supt. D. Sweet Retirement

On behalf of the Board, Chair El-Chantiry wished Supt. Sweet the best for his retirement and offered his heartfelt thanks for all he has done for the Police Service and our community.

Sgt. C. Hrnchiar

Chair El-Chantiry wished to publically commend the actions of Sgt C. Hrnchiar. There was a story in the media about the efforts he has been taking to rebuild trust in the community, particularly with the Inuit and Aboriginal communities. The community may recall he was previously disciplined for making racist comments on Facebook about the death of an Inuk artist. It is easy to remember and focus on negative incidents but it is important to highlight the 180 degree change this officer has made. Sgt. Hrnchiar has taken a negative situation and turned it into a positive one. On behalf of the Board, the Chair congratulated him on his efforts.

Chief Bordeleau thanked the Chair for his comments and added that he is very proud of what Sgt. Hrnchiar has accomplished. He noted that Sgt. Hrnchiar's very difficult journey can be used as an example of someone acknowledging making a mistake and

working hard at reconciling the damage and hurt he has caused. He also thanked the CBC for sharing this good news story.

Diversity Audit

In response to Member Smallwood's request for an update on the Diversity Audit, Chief Bordeleau stated that staff are in the process of finalizing a Multi-Year Action Plan which contains the Diversity Audit. Deputy Chief J. Skinner and Supt. C. Rheaume, owners of this work plan, have already started consulting with the community. Staff are in the initial stages of developing the terms of reference. The Chief anticipates that by the end of the year the work will have begun with community involvement. Reports will be submitted to the Board pertaining to the development and process for the terms of reference as well as the audit itself.

Cellular Devices

In response to Member Smallwood's query about the use of "phone catching devices" by the OPS, Chief Bordeleau noted it was inappropriate for him to comment on the types of technology the Service uses in investigations. He advised the Board that the Ottawa Police Service does not own these types of devices. He confirmed that the use of this type of device by law enforcement is subject to a warrant and a court approved order.

Morgentaler Clinic

Member Valiquet explained that she had observed protesters at the Morgentaler Clinic on Bank Street and asked if they are in contravention of any by-law, and if so, would the City or the Police enforce it. Chief Bordeleau stated that officers attend hundreds of protests and demonstrations that vary in size. In this case the OPS is very aware of the ongoing demonstrations that take place at 65 Bank Street. It's been an address they have responded to a number of times over the years. The By-law that has been quoted in the media was introduced in 2001 by the City to deal with larger demonstrations where individuals apply for permits. Within the permit, the bylaw restricts the demonstrations to locations across the street (ie: Embassies). In this specific case the by-law was not intended to apply to lone demonstrators.

A police officer's job is to remain neutral, keep the peace and enforce the applicable laws. The OPS has attended and arrested individuals for offences they have committed at that location. This has to be balanced with the Charter of Rights and a person's ability to speak freely and voice their opinions. The Charter of Rights supersedes the By-law.

There is an agreed upon protocol in place between the OPS and the Clinic for

managing calls for service. The OPS has reached out to the clinic for specific details on calls for service that were allegedly refused as well as recent media articles. The Clinic has yet to respond. The last meeting held with the Clinic and their lawyer was a couple of years ago and a number of recommendations were made, such as the Toronto example of a "Bubble Zone" which prevents demonstrators from protesting/demonstrating within a specific geographical area. It would be up to the Clinic to put forth a case to get a court injunction to restrict the protestors geographically from a set distance from the clinic. For whatever reason, they have chosen not to go down this path, therefore, to compare Ottawa to Toronto is not accurate.

In response to a question from the Chair on whether the protesters' signs constitute hate crimes, the Chief explained that graphic images at demonstrations must be assessed to see if they meet the threshold of being classified under obscene material; evidence seen to date has not met that threshold.

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2. NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA CRIME STOPPERS: SEMI-ANNUAL UPDATE

Report from R. McMullen, President, National Capital Area Crime Stoppers

Mr. R. McMullen thanked the Board for the opportunity to present their progress on a semi-annual basis. He welcomed Cst. J. Getz as Police Coordinator replacing Sgt. A. Wong. *(A copy of the presentation is on file with the Board's Executive Director.)* The presentation covered the following topics: Board Governance, Statistics, Community Outreach, Partner Update, Media Update, Financial Update and Looking Forward.

On behalf of the Board, Chair El-Chantiry expressed thanks for everything that Crime Stoppers does for the community. Member Hubley asked that the next update include results from the Crime Stoppers initiative concerning damage to bus shelters.

Chief Bordeleau acknowledged the work being done by Crime Stoppers, including their focus on youth and their ability to adapt to trends. On behalf of the Police Service the Chief thanked Mr. McMullen for everything the organization does to help the Service and the community.

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3. WELLNESS STRATEGY

Chief's report

That the Ottawa Police Services Board approve the Ottawa Police Service Wellness Strategy, as attached to this report.

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4. BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB GRANT

Chief's report

That the Ottawa Police Services Board approve an annual grant of \$50,000 to the Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa, beginning in 2017, to support its activities with at risk youth.

CARRIED

5. ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF POLICE SERVICES BOARDS' ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Executive Director's report

That the Ottawa Police Services Board approve the attendance of E. El-Chantiry, S. Smallwood and K. Ferraro at the Annual Conference of the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards, to be held 21 – 24 June, 2017 in Blue Mountain, Ontario.

CARRIED

6. 2017 CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE

Executive Director's report

That the Ottawa Police Services Board approve the attendance of E. El-Chantiry and A. Hubley at the 2017 Canadian Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (CACOLE) Annual Meeting and Conference being held in St. John's, Newfoundland from 28 – 31 May 2017.

CARRIED

7. "IGNITING THE SPIRIT" FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR THE WABANO CENTRE FOR ABORIGINAL HEALTH

Executive Director's report

That the Ottawa Police Services Board approve funding for a table at the Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health "Igniting the Spirit" gala being held on 21 June 2017 at the Ottawa Conference Centre, at a cost of \$2,500.

CARRIED

8. APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL CONSTABLES: RCMP

Chief's report

That the Ottawa Police Services Board approve the appointment of the individuals listed in Annex A as Special Constables pursuant to Section 53 of the Police Services Act, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the attached Approval of Appointment form.

CARRIED

9. SERVICE INITIATIVE QUARTERLY UPDATE

Chief's report

Following a discussion pertaining to reporting frequency, it was decided that going forward reports will remain quarterly for the first year of implementation to ensure targets are being met.

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10. WORKPLACE INJURIES, ILLNESSES & INCIDENTS: 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

Chief's report

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11. COMPLIANCE WITH MINISTRY STANDARDS: 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

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12. PERFORMANCE REPORT: FIRST QUARTER 2017

Chief's report

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13. COMPLAINTS REPORT – PART V, *POLICE SERVICES ACT*: FIRST QUARTER 2017

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14. BOARD MONITORING REQUIREMENTS STATUS REPORT: FIRST QUARTER 2017

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15. LEGAL SERVICES STATUS REPORT: 2017 FIRST QUARTER

Chief's report

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16. OUTSTANDING BOARD INQUIRIES & MOTIONS: APRIL 2017

Executive Director's report

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17. LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Chief's report

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COMMUNICATIONS

1) Understanding the Impact of Police Stops"

Member Smallwood suggested the report, submitted to the Toronto Police Services Board, be shared with Board members and perhaps Councillors that have been asking for additional resources. The report contains research regarding crime hot spots and the impact of increased police activities; it is a well balanced and comprehensive report. Chair El-Chantiry agreed the report would be circulated.

CONSIDERATION OF MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA

Moved by S. Valiquet

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*.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Krista Ferraro
Executive Director

E. El-Chantiry
Chair

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