



Date: February 24, 2021
Time: 9:30 A.M.
Location: Haldimand County Administration Building
Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT B. Haggith, Chair
D. Lawrence, Vice Chair
B. Corbett, Member

STAFF PRESENT Inspector Carter, Haldimand County O.P.P.
Staff Sergeant Ferguson, Haldimand County O.P.P.
T. Cassidy, Police Services Board Administrator

Please note: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Police Services Board meeting was held at the Haldimand County Administration Building rather than the O.P.P. Detachment to ensure physical distancing requirements were in place.

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Administrator called the Police Services Board meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

B. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

After receiving nominations from the floor, the Board Administrator called for a vote on the following motions:

Resolution 1

Moved By: B. Corbett
Seconded By: D. Lawrence

THAT Brian Haggith is hereby appointed to serve as Chair of the Haldimand County Police Services Board from this date forward until the first Board meeting in the 2022 calendar year.

CARRIED

Resolution 2

Moved By: B. Corbett
Seconded By: B. Haggith

THAT Dan Lawrence is hereby appointed to serve as Vice Chair of the Haldimand County Police Services Board from this date forward until the first Board meeting in the 2022 calendar year.

CARRIED

B. Haggith assumed the Chair.

C. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

D. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- 1 Update Re: Service Availability
- 2 Update Re: Ontario Civilian Police Commission (OCPC) Recommendations and Timelines
- 3 Fire Inspection at Haldimand County O.P.P. Detachment
- 4 Scam Prevention
- 5 Public Communication / Media Relations Policy

E. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- 1 Minutes from the regular meeting of November 25, 2020
- 2 Minutes from the closed meeting of November 25, 2020

Resolution 3

Moved By: B. Corbett
Seconded By: D. Lawrence

1. THAT the Haldimand County Police Services Board hereby adopts the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on November 25, 2020, as presented;
2. AND THAT the Haldimand County Police Services Board hereby adopts the minutes of the closed meeting of the Board held on November 25, 2020, as circulated, to remain private and confidential.

CARRIED

F. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 1 Neil Unwin, Board Chair, Crime Stoppers of Haldimand & Norfolk Re: 2020 Annual Review and Funding Request for 2021 Initiatives

Mr. Unwin was unable to attend this meeting and requested that this item be deferred to the March meeting.

Resolution 4

Moved By: B. Corbett
Seconded By: D. Lawrence

1. THAT the correspondence from Neil Unwin, Board Chair, Crime Stoppers of Haldimand & Norfolk Re: 2020 Annual Review and Funding Request for 2021 Initiatives be received;
2. AND THAT consideration of the funding request be deferred to the March 24, 2021 meeting.

CARRIED

G. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

H. REPORTS

- 1 Monthly Report from the Detachment Commander

Inspector Carter reviewed the December, 2020 and January, 2021 monthly reports with the Board, noting a decrease in property crime and traffic collisions and a slight increase in violent crime. It was added that it is difficult to qualify the 2020 statistics due to the unusual circumstances related to the pandemic and McKenzie Meadows occupation. Discussion ensued regarding sexual assaults, human trafficking, the ongoing efforts of the community street crime unit, new calls for service process, and the benefits of photo radar and red light cameras in community safety zones. Inspector Carter requested that their Crime Analyst attend the March meeting to provide an overview on how the O.P.P. use analytics to reduce crime and collisions and develop strategic patrols.

The Board was advised that there is currently only one vacancy in the local detachment. A province-wide policy for new recruits was developed which prevents transfers between detachments for a two-year period. Staffing levels should remain stable for the foreseeable future.

An update was provided related to the McKenzie Meadows occupation. Roads have been re-opened and the finalization of charges is ongoing as courts have been delayed due to the pandemic.

Resolution 5

Moved By: B. Corbett
Seconded By: D. Lawrence

THAT the O.P.P. reports for the month of December, 2020 and January, 2021 from Inspector Carter, Haldimand County O.P.P. be hereby received as presented.

CARRIED

2 Board Financials and Current Reserve Figures

The Board discussed the budget line items and expressed concern regarding the lack of full Board complement.

Resolution 6

Moved By: B. Corbett
Seconded By: D. Lawrence

1. THAT a letter be sent to the Ontario Civilian Police Commission to express the Board's concern that the Ministry has not fulfilled their mandate of appointing provincial board members;
2. AND THAT a copy of this letter be sent to MPP Toby Barrett and appropriate parties.

CARRIED

Resolution 7

Moved By: B. Corbett
Seconded By: D. Lawrence

THAT the Haldimand County Police Services Board hereby receives the Board Financials and Current Reserve Figures, dated February 16, 2021, as information.

CARRIED

3 Haldimand County Provincial Offences Act Ticket Issuance Statistics

Discussion ensued regarding the increase in ticket issuance and officer logs. The Board was advised that an electronic ticketing program is being introduced at the end of the month.

Resolution 8

Moved By: B. Corbett
Seconded By: D. Lawrence

THAT the Haldimand County Police Services Board hereby receives the January, 2021 Haldimand County Provincial Offences Act Ticket Issuance Reports, as presented.

CARRIED

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1 Update Re: McKenzie Meadows Occupation

This item was discussed during the Monthly Report from the Detachment Commander portion of the meeting. It was added that dialogue is ongoing with the communication group and an Incident Commander is overseeing operations.

2 Update Re: Provincial Appointments

The Board was advised that no new appointments have been finalized at this time.

3 Update Re: Service Availability

This item was discussed during the Monthly Report from the Detachment Commander portion of the meeting.

4 Update Re: Ontario Civilian Police Commission (OCPC) Recommendations and Timelines

It was noted that the Board will be moving forward with recommendations provided by the OCPC.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1 Fire Inspection at Haldimand County O.P.P. Detachment

It was noted in a recent inspection that there were some fire code violations related to obstructions near fire exits and fire doors propped open. All issues have now been resolved.

2 Scam Prevention

Discussion ensued around fraud and scams, specifically phone calls being received by members of the public. The O.P.P. recently sent out a media release on fraud which included a link to the government website where members of the public can educate themselves on the types of scams. It was added that March is Fraud Prevention Month.

3 Public Communication / Media Relations Policy

Discussion ensued regarding the requirements in the policy. The document will be available on County website.

Resolution 9

Moved By: B. Corbett
Seconded By: D. Lawrence

THAT the Haldimand County Police Services Board hereby adopts the Public Communication / Media Relations Policy as approved by the Ontario Civilian Police Commission on February 16, 2021.

CARRIED

K. BY-LAWS (if required)

None.

L. CLOSED SESSION (if required)

None.

M. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board was set for Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. Location to be determined.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 10

Moved By: D. Lawrence
Seconded By: B. Corbett

THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR

ADMINISTRATOR