

Date: September 23, 2020
Time: 9:30 A.M.
Location: McSorley Hall, Cayuga Arena

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

STAFF PRESENT Inspector Carter, Haldimand County O.P.P.
Sergeant Gutenberg, Haldimand County O.P.P.
K. Hewitt, Mayor
K. Hayes, Supervisor, Corporate Affairs
T. Cassidy, Police Services Board Administrator

Please note: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Police Services Board meeting was held at the Cayuga Memorial Arena rather than the O.P.P. Detachment to ensure physical distancing requirements are in place.

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the Police Services Board meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

B. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- 1 Delegation Requests from Rob Reid and Mary Love
- 2 Proposal for Security Services for the Town of Dunnville
- 3 Follow Up Re: Request for Solicitor General and O.P.P. Commissioner to Attend a Meeting with the Board

D. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- 1 Minutes from the regular meeting of June 24, 2020

Resolution 1

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

THAT the Haldimand County Police Services Board hereby adopts the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on June 24, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED

- 2 Minutes from the meeting of August 26, 2020

Resolution 2

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

THAT the Haldimand County Police Services Board hereby adopts the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on August 26, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED

E. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 1 Charlene Lovegrove, Corporate Manager, Victim Services of Haldimand-Norfolk-Mississaugas of the Credit First Nations Re: Funding Request

Ms. Lovegrove provided an overview of the Mobile Tracking System Program, noting that these devices are completely fundraised and that there has been a significant increase in applications since COVID-19.

Resolution 3

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

1. THAT the correspondence and presentation material from Charlene Lovegrove, Corporate Manager, Victim Services of Haldimand-Norfolk-Mississaugas of the Credit First Nations Re: Funding Request, dated July 10, 2020, be received;
2. AND THAT the Haldimand County Police Services Board hereby support the Victim Services of Haldimand-Norfolk-Mississaugas of the Credit First Nations' Mobile Tracking System Program with a \$2,500 donation from the Police Services Board - Donations/Gifts budget.

CARRIED

2 Delegation Requests from Rob Reid and Mary Love

Due to timing constraints and the number of agenda items, Mr. Reid and Ms. Love were not permitted to speak. The Board encouraged them to register as delegations at the next meeting.

Resolution 4

Moved By: D. Lawrence

Seconded By: B. Haggith

THAT the tabled correspondence from the following individuals Re:
Occupation/Protest of the McKenzie Meadows Development Site be received as information:

- Extinction Rebellion Hamilton Indigenous Affinity Group dated September 22, 2020
- Rob Reid dated September 22, 2020

CARRIED

3 Shawn MacDonald Re: Policing on 6th Line in Caledonia

Mrs. MacDonald was present on behalf of her community and noted concerns related to policing on 6th Line in Caledonia. She described three specific events where the community was not supported by police services. Mrs. MacDonald posed questions regarding the lack of police presence and would like a formal response. Inspector Carter clarified that policing in this area was shared between the O.P.P. and Six Nations Police. Discussion continued regarding the process for reporting and responding to an incident in this area. Inspector Carter expressed his sincere apology that this agreement was not communicated to the residents and will follow up with them directly. The Board expressed concerns regarding the incidents. Chief Superintendent Cain requested that Mrs. MacDonald submit a formal response with the details of each incident so that the Commander can investigate and provide a more formal response. The Board was advised that as of last night, through negotiations, the O.P.P. are back to policing the 6th Line. It was added that, operationally, the O.P.P. have the ability and authority to arrange mutual aid with nearby police forces; however, professional courtesy should have been given to the Board and Mayor to advise them of these arrangements.

Resolution 5

Moved By: D. Lawrence

Seconded By: B. Haggith

THAT the correspondence from Shawn MacDonald Re: Policing on 6th Line in Caledonia, dated September 9, 2020, be received as information.

CARRIED

4 Chief Superintendent John Cain, West Region Commander Re:
Occupation/Protest of the McKenzie Meadows Development Site

The Board stated that the purpose of this meeting is to express their concerns and dissatisfaction with policing in the community and with respect to the McKenzie Meadows occupation/protest. B. Corbett proceeded to read the statement from the Board on their position on the matter. Questions were posed throughout the reading to Chief Superintendent Cain. Discussion ensued regarding the definition of adequate and effective policing, land claim process, court process, police action related to the occupation/protest, and the indigenous police framework agreement. Chief Superintendent Cain noted that the policy speaks to First Nations communities and how the O.P.P. interact with them. The purpose of a police agency is to enforce the court injunction; however, the true resolution of the situation lies with Six Nations and federal and provincial governments. The Board stated that the framework needs to be revised and expressed concerns related to the arson, road blockages and violence. The Board spoke to their concerns related to the lack of officer availability/complement. Chief Superintendent Cain indicated that Haldimand is the worst with respect to officer availability in the west region. Specific to Haldimand, the O.P.P. are bringing in an extra 32 officers daily (16 per shift) to assist with the staffing issue. These officers are doing 50% of the calls and 30 hours of patrol in Dunnville. It was added that there are currently 12 officers slated to come to Haldimand with six recruits going through academy right now.

Resolution 6

Moved By: D. Lawrence

Seconded By: B. Haggith

THAT the tabled document regarding the Haldimand County Police Services Board's position and concerns with respect to the occupation/protest of the McKenzie Meadows development site be received.

CARRIED

Resolution 7

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

THAT the presentation from Chief Superintendent John Cain, West Region Commander Re: Occupation/Protest of the McKenzie Meadows Development Site be received as information.

CARRIED

F. CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Response from Hagersville Quarry Owner Re: Trespassing Issues

Resolution 8

Moved By: K. Boon
Seconded By: D. Lawrence

THAT the correspondence from Pieter L. Bezemer, President, ACCU II Development Corporation Re: Trespassing Issues at Hagersville Quarry, dated August 17, 2020, be received.

CARRIED

- 2 Ministry of the Solicitor General Re: Court Security and Prisoner Transportation

Resolution 9

Moved By: K. Boon
Seconded By: D. Lawrence

THAT the Memorandum from the Ministry of the Solicitor General Re: Court Security and Prisoner Transportation, dated August 10, 2020, be received as information.

CARRIED

G. REPORTS

- 1 Monthly Report from the Detachment Commander

Inspector Carter reviewed the August monthly reports with the Board, noting a decrease in violent crime, property crime and collisions. An increase in regular Port Maitland patrols was noted. Discussion ensued around 6th Line policing, the agreement with the Six Nations police service and officer complement. Inspector Carter indicated that new recruits will be coming in October. The Board requested that the O.P.P. send out a news release regarding the new officers.

Resolution 10

Moved By: K. Boon
Seconded By: D. Lawrence

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

CARRIED

2 Board Financials and Current Reserve Figures

Resolution 11

Moved By: K. Boon
Seconded By: D. Lawrence

THAT the Haldimand County Police Services Board hereby receives the Board Financials and Current Reserve Figures, dated September 14, 2020, as information.

CARRIED

3 Haldimand County Provincial Offences Act Ticket Issuance Statistics

Resolution 12

Moved By: K. Boon
Seconded By: D. Lawrence

THAT the Haldimand County Police Services Board hereby receives the August, 2020 Haldimand County Provincial Offences Act Ticket Issuance Reports, as presented.

CARRIED

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1 Update Re: Provincial Appointment

The Board was advised that no new appointments have been finalized at this time. The Board finds it unacceptable that they have not been at full complement since December, 2018.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1 O.P.P. Enforcement of ATV's on County Roads

Concerns were expressed related to the damage to crops, fields and private property from ATV usage. It was noted that the O.P.P. recently sent out a press release on this topic. Currently, Haldimand County does not have a by-law permitting on-road ATV use. All-terrain and off-road vehicles are not permitted to be ridden on municipal roadways or County-owned property. Discussion continued regarding the definition of ATV's in the Highway Traffic Act.

2 Record Checks

Due to the high volume of police record check requests, the current processing times are four to six weeks. Third party vendors may be able to offer a reduced timeline.

3 Proposal for Security Services for the Town of Dunnville

Discussion ensued regarding the difference in authority between a security officer and a civilian. Overall, there has been a decrease in property crime and violent crime in the County.

Resolution 13

Moved By: K. Boon
Seconded By: D. Lawrence

THAT the tabled proposal from Olympian Security Inc. (as requested by Cliff Ahrens) Re: Security Services for the Town of Dunnville, dated September 17, 2020, be received as information.

CARRIED

4 Follow Up Re: Request for Solicitor General and O.P.P. Commissioner to Attend a Meeting with the Board

Resolution 14

Moved By: B. Haggith
Seconded By: K. Boon

1. THAT a subsequent letter be sent to the Solicitor General and O.P.P. Commissioner requesting that they attend a meeting with the Board;
2. AND THAT the Board's position/concerns regarding the occupation/protest of the McKenzie Meadows development site be circulated with the letter.

CARRIED

J. BY-LAWS (if required)

None.

K. CLOSED SESSION

- 1 Correspondence from County Solicitor Re: O.P.P. Policing Issues

Resolution 15

Moved By: K. Boon
Seconded By: D. Lawrence

THAT the Haldimand County Police Services Board hereby enters a portion of the meeting closed to the public at 12:35 p.m. pursuant to Section 35(4) Part a) of the Ontario Police Services Act, R.S.O. 1990 for discussion where:

a) matters involving public security may be disclosed and having regard to the circumstances, the desirability of avoiding their disclosure in the public interest outweighs the desirability of adhering to the principle that proceedings be open to the public.

CARRIED

Resolution 16

Moved By: K. Boon
Seconded By: D. Lawrence

THAT the Haldimand County Police Services Board hereby comes out of the closed portion of the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

CARRIED

Resolution 17

Moved By: K. Boon
Seconded By: D. Lawrence

THAT the correspondence from County Solicitor Re: O.P.P. Policing Issues, dated September 17, 2020, be received as information and remain confidential.

CARRIED

L. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board was set for Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.
Location to be determined.

M. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 18

Moved By: K. Boon
Seconded By: D. Lawrence

THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR

ADMINISTRATOR