HALDIMAND COUNTY
POLICE SERVICES BOARD MINUTES

Date: **October 28, 2020**
Time: **9:30 A.M.**
Location: **Haldimand County Administration Building**
Council Chambers

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

STAFF PRESENT
Inspector Carter, Haldimand County O.P.P.
Staff Sergeant Rose, Haldimand County O.P.P.
Sergeant Warner, Haldimand County O.P.P.
J. Whiting, Executive Assistant to the CAO & Corporate Communications Assistant
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 are in place.

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the Police Services Board meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

B. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

1 Delegation Request from Kieran Lucas

2 Mr. Mario Di Tommaso, Deputy Solicitor General, Community Safety Re: Response to the Board's Request for a Meeting

3 Resignation of Board Chair and Appointment of New Chair and Vice Chair

D. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

1 Minutes from the regular meeting of September 23, 2020

2 Minutes from the closed meeting of September 23, 2020

Resolution 1
Moved By: B. Haggith
Seconded By: K. Boon

1. THAT the Haldimand County Police Services Board hereby adopts the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board held on September 23, 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 September 23, 2020, as circulated, to remain private and confidential.

CARRIED

E. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1 Rob Reid Re: Perspective on Indigenous Issues

The Chair provided an overview of the roles of a Section 10 Police Services Board and conveyed the Board's concern regarding the events occurring in Caledonia.

Mr. Reid spoke to his history as well as the history of the Haudenosaunee, treaties and Indigenous rights. Concerns were expressed regarding the escalating situation in Caledonia and the Board's statement released at the September 23, 2020 meeting. It was noted that the new Community Safety and Policing Act mandates human rights, systemic racism, diversity and Indigenous training for all Board members. The Board will fully embrace this training once it has been established.

Resolution 2
Moved By: B. Haggith
Seconded By: K. Boon

THAT the correspondence from Rob Reid Re: Perspective on Indigenous Issues, dated October 21, 2020, be received as information.

CARRIED

2 Mary Love Re: Policing Issues Related to McKenzie Meadows Occupation

Ms. Love directed questions to the Board related to police operations and was advised that the Board has no authority over operational matters. Ms. Love spoke to the language used in the statement released by the Board at the September 23, 2020 meeting, the land defenders and requested that the Board retract their statement.

The Board indicated that they support both the local community and the Indigenous community and advocate for a peaceful resolution of this matter.

Resolution 3
Moved By: B. Haggith
Seconded By: K. Boon

THAT the correspondence from Mary Love Re: Policing Issues Related to McKenzie Meadows Occupation, dated October 22, 2020, be received as information.

CARRIED

3 Allyson Proulx and Jacqueline House Re: Support of 1492 Land Back Lane and the Haudenosaunee Land Defenders

Ms. Proulx was present with Jacqueline House from the Cayuga Nation Turtle Clan. Ms. House discussed the history of the land claim process from her perspective and expressed the need for a peaceful resolution. While the Board has no authority over land claim issues, they empathize with the community and also support a peaceful resolution.

Resolution 4
Moved By: B. Haggith
Seconded By: K. Boon

THAT the correspondence from Allyson Proulx and presentation from Jacqueline House Re: Support of 1492 Land Back Lane and the Haudenosaunee Land Defenders, dated October 22, 2020, be received as information.

CARRIED

4 Delegation Request from Kieran Lucas

Resolution 5
Moved By: B. Haggith
Seconded By: K. Boon

THAT, as per Section 6.3.5 of the Procedural By-law, that Kieran Lucas be permitted to appear as a delegation before the Board regarding Policing Issues Related to the McKenzie Meadows Occupation.

CARRIED

Mr. Lucas advocated for Mr. Skylar Williams and spoke to police enforcement and rule of law. He also requested that the Board retract their statement released at the September 23, 2020 meeting. Discussion ensued regarding rule of law and

court orders. The Board reiterated that although they have no authority over land claim issues, they understand Mr. Lucas' frustrations and want a peaceful resolution.

Resolution 6
Moved By: K. Boon
Seconded By: D. Lawrence

THAT the tabled correspondence from Kieran Lucas Re: Policing Issues Related to McKenzie Meadows Occupation, dated October 26, 2020, be received as information.

CARRIED

F. CORRESPONDENCE

1. The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General Re: Response to the Board's Request for a Meeting

It was noted that the Board has been denied a meeting with the Solicitor General and Deputy Solicitor General. MPP Toby Barrett has reached out to the Ministry requesting that the Board be given an opportunity to speak with the Solicitor General.

Resolution 7
Moved By: K. Boon
Seconded By: D. Lawrence

THAT the correspondence from the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General Re: Response to the Board's Request for a Meeting, dated October 23, 2020, be received as information.

CARRIED

2 Mr. Mario Di Tommaso, Deputy Solicitor General, Community Safety Re: Response to the Board's Request for a Meeting

Resolution 8
Moved By: K. Boon
Seconded By: D. Lawrence

THAT the tabled correspondence from Mr. Mario Di Tommaso, Deputy Solicitor General, Community Safety Re: Response to the Board's Request for a Meeting, dated October 23, 2020, be received as information.

CARRIED

3 O.P.P. Commissioner Re: Response to the Ongoing Land Dispute in Caledonia

The difficulty in scheduling a meeting with senior levels of government was noted.

Resolution 9
Moved By: D. Lawrence
Seconded By: K. Boon

THAT the correspondence from Thomas Carrique, O.P.P. Commissioner Re: Response to the Ongoing Land Dispute in Caledonia, dated September 30, 2020, be received as information.

CARRIED

4 City of St. Catharines Re: Anti-Racism Committee – Six Nations Land Defenders Motion

The Chair has requested more information from the City Clerk. The Mayor will advise how to proceed.

Resolution 10
Moved By: D. Lawrence
Seconded By: K. Boon

THAT the correspondence from the City of St. Catharines Re: Anti-Racism Committee – Six Nations Land Defenders Motion, dated October 20, 2020, be received as information.

CARRIED

5 Correspondence Related to the McKenzie Meadows Occupation/Protests and Statement Released by the Board at its September 23, 2020 Meeting

5.1 Jennifer Phillips Alaan

5.2 Britney De Costa

5.3 Franco Giudice

5.4 Marion Lefevre

5.5 Mary Love

5.6 1492 Land Back Lane Letter Writing Campaign

The Board was advised that 49 e-mails of a similar context have been received since September 29, 2020 as part of the 1492 Land Back Lane letter writing campaign. Five additional e-mails have been received in response to the McKenzie Meadows occupation/protests and statement released by the Board at its September 23, 2020 meeting. Furthermore, postcards have been received from residents outside of the County.

Resolution 11

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

THAT the correspondence from the following individuals Re: The McKenzie Meadows Occupation/Protests and Statement Released by the Board at its September 23, 2020 Meeting be received as information:

- Jennifer Phillips Alaan dated September 29, 2020
- Britney De Costa dated September 29, 2020
- Franco Giudice dated September 30, 2020
- Rebecca Steckle dated October 5, 2020
- Giselle Correia dated October 5, 2020
- Jennifer Bundock dated October 5, 2020
- Cassidy Smolak dated October 5, 2020
- Denise Medina dated October 6, 2020
- Jessica Jordan dated October 6, 2020
- Marion Lefevre dated October 6, 2020
- Mary Love dated October 6, 2020
- Fran Doxtador dated October 6, 2020
- Adrienne Chalaturnyk dated October 6, 2020
- Troy Martin dated October 6, 2020
- Kaylynn Nicholls dated October 6, 2020
- Kathleen Banville dated October 6, 2020
- Trevor Cunnington dated October 6, 2020
- Marius Cox dated October 6, 2020
- Javier Fuentes dated October 6, 2020
- Lori Courtnage dated October 6, 2020
- Zoe Moore dated October 6, 2020
- Jeremy Hurdis dated October 6, 2020
- Sally McConnell dated October 7, 2020
- Jaimee & Matthew Perrier dated October 7, 2020
- Olivia M. dated October 7, 2020
- Michael McCubbing dated October 7, 2020
- Ann Marie Wierzbicki dated October 8, 2020
- Pat Rasmussen dated October 8, 2020

- Tiarne Fanning dated October 8, 2020
- Ost Petahtegoose dated October 9, 2020
- Bonnie Brace dated October 9, 2020
- Heather Lee dated October 9, 2020
- Amanda Bakke dated October 9, 2020
- Deborah Coutts-Smith dated October 9, 2020
- Jade Guthrie dated October 9, 2020
- Jessica Elves dated October 9, 2020
- Sage Jubelius dated October 9, 2020
- Erica Scott dated October 9, 2020
- Emily Rourke dated October 9, 2020
- Denisha Francis dated October 9, 2020
- Anita LeBaron dated October 9, 2020
- Leah Gailius dated October 10, 2020
- Chris Atell dated October 10, 2020
- Tiarne Fanning dated October 11, 2020 and October 19, 2020
- Zohra Zekria dated October 13, 2020 and October 17, 2020
- Brenna Parker dated October 13, 2020
- Gabrielle Ayles dated October 14, 2020
- Judi Winkup dated October 14, 2020
- Colleen Clements dated October 16, 2020
- Melanie Mcneill dated October 18, 2020
- Montana Mellett dated October 18, 2020
- Samantha Ayala dated October 23, 2020

CARRIED

6 Ministry of the Solicitor General Re: Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Program Review

It was noted that this may alter the Inspector's initial request to the County.

Resolution 12
Moved By: D. Lawrence
Seconded By: K. Boon

THAT the Memorandum from the Ministry of the Solicitor General Re: Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Program Review, dated October 15, 2020, be received as information.

CARRIED

G. REPORTS

1 Monthly Report from the Detachment Commander

Inspector Carter reviewed the September monthly reports with the Board, noting a reduction in 911 calls (due to the new screening process), crime and property theft and a slight increase in assaults and mischief. Two OIPRD complaints were noted and the success of the Community Street Crime Unit was highlighted. Discussion ensued regarding officer availability, training process for new recruits, public complaints, policing in Caledonia and Dunnville, officer conduct and professionalism, police interaction with members of the public, and speeding in Caledonia.

Resolution 13
Moved By: D. Lawrence
Seconded By: K. Boon

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

CARRIED

2 Board Financials and Current Reserve Figures

Resolution 14
Moved By: D. Lawrence
Seconded By: K. Boon

THAT the Haldimand County Police Services Board hereby receives the Board Financials and Current Reserve Figures, dated October 15, 2020, as information.

CARRIED

3 Haldimand County Provincial Offences Act Ticket Issuance Statistics

Resolution 15
Moved By: D. Lawrence
Seconded By: K. Boon

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

CARRIED

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1 Update Re: Chief Superintendent John Cain's Announcement for Additional Staff

The Board was advised the six new recruits will be starting this week and six additional recruits will be coming in January, 2021. There has also been one lateral transfer and an additional three experienced officers slated to arrive in December. It was added that more officers may be sent to the detachment pending the outcome of the staffing review.

2 Update Re: McKenzie Meadows Occupation

Inspector Carter provided an overview of the outcome of the court proceedings and Justice R. J. Harper's decision. Discussion ensued regarding a recent video the O.P.P. Commissioner shared on social media and the court injunction.

3 Update Re: Record Checks

It was noted that this has been moved back to a decentralized process and applications can now be submitted to the local detachment.

4 Update Re: Provincial Appointment

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

I. NEW BUSINESS

1 Motion to Delegate Vice Chair as the Board Spokesperson for all Communications Related to the McKenzie Meadows Occupation/Protests

Since the next item was added to the agenda, this motion was no longer required.

2 Resignation of Board Chair and Appointment of New Chair and Vice Chair

B. Corbett announced his resignation as Chair. The Board members and Inspector Carter expressed their gratitude for his experience and leadership.

Resolution 16
Moved By: D. Lawrence
Seconded By: K. Boon

1. THAT the resignation of Bernie Corbett as Chair of the Haldimand County Police Services Board, effective October 28, 2020, be accepted;

2. AND THAT Brian Haggith be hereby appointed to serve as Chair from this date forward until the first Board meeting in the 2021 calendar year;

3. AND THAT the position of Vice Chair be left vacant at this time.

CARRIED

B. Haggith assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

J. BY-LAWS

None.

K. CLOSED SESSION

None.

L. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board was set for Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. in the McSorley Room at the Cayuga Arena.

M. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 17
Moved By: D. Lawrence
Seconded By: K. Boon

THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 11: 30 a.m.

CARRIED

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CHAIR

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ADMINISTRATOR