



Haldimand
County

HALDIMAND COUNTY POLICE SERVICES BOARD MINUTES

Date: September 28, 2023
Time: 9:30 A.M.
Location: Haldimand County Administration Building

MEMBERS PRESENT L. Boyko, Chair
S. Bentley, Vice Chair
K. Shaw, Member
M. Trainer, Member

STAFF PRESENT Inspector Kays, Detachment Commander, Haldimand County O.P.P.
Acting Staff Sergeant Yohnicki, Haldimand County O.P.P.
K. Meyer, Manager, Human Resources
T. Cassidy, Police Services Board Administrator

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the Police Services Board meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Member Shaw read the Land Acknowledgement statement.

C. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

D. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- 1 Introduction of Acting Staff Sergeant Yohnicki
- 2 Safe Streets Program
- 3 Inquiry Re: Communications Officer for Haldimand OPP
- 4 Discussion Re: Personnel Matter (closed session item)

F. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 1 Harsit Patel, Chair, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee
Re: Introduction and Overview of the Committee
K. Meyer, staff liaison for the committee, introduced the Chair.

H. Patel provided an overview of the committee's terms of reference, noting that their role is to provide advice and recommendations to the Police Services Board. Their goal is to develop and implement policies and measures to remove barriers in the community and promote harmonious relationships and cohesion amongst diverse populations. An overview was provided on the composition of the committee.

E. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- 1 Minutes from the regular meeting of May 25, 2023

Resolution 1

Moved By: S. Bentley
Seconded By: K. Shaw

THAT the minutes of the May 25, 2023 Police Services Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

- 2 Minutes from the special meeting of July 5, 2023
- 3 Minutes from the special closed meeting of July 5, 2023

Resolution 2

Moved By: S. Bentley
Seconded By: K. Shaw

1. THAT the minutes of the July 5, 2023 Special Police Services Board meeting be adopted as circulated;
2. AND THAT the minutes of the Closed Session of the July 5, 2023 Special Police Services Board meeting be adopted as circulated and remain confidential.

CARRIED

F. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)

- 2 Lorne Boyko, Chair, Police Services Board Re: Overview of Education Sessions on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion from Governance Solutions

L. Boyko provided an overview of the Governance Solutions group and the virtual education sessions he attended on July 11th and August 29th related to equality, diversity and inclusion. These terms were summarized and their importance within an organization. Barriers and positive solutions were highlighted.

Resolution 3

Moved By: K. Shaw
Seconded By: S. Bentley

THAT the presentation material from Lorne Boyko, Chair, Police Services Board
Re: Overview of Education Sessions on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion from
Governance Solutions be received.

CARRIED

G. CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 OPP Youth Foundation Re: Donation in Memory of Constable Pierzchala
- 2 Crime Stoppers of Haldimand and Norfolk Re: Golf Tournament Sponsorship

Resolution 4

Moved By: S. Bentley
Seconded By: K. Shaw

THAT the correspondence from the following groups be received:

- OPP Youth Foundation Re: Donation in Memory of Constable Pierzchala;
- Crime Stoppers of Haldimand and Norfolk Re: Golf Tournament Sponsorship.

CARRIED

H. REPORTS

- 1 Monthly Reports from the Detachment Commander

Inspector Kays introduced Acting Staff Sergeant Yohnicki and provided an overview of his policing experience.

Subsequently, the May, June, July and August monthly reports were reviewed with the Board, adding that more fulsome reports will be provided moving forward. Analytics on the Mobile Crisis Response Team, marine patrol hours over the summer months, community engagement events and community street crime unit activities were highlighted. An update was provided on staffing within the detachment, noting that four administrative clerks, three members, and two special constables have been recruited.

Discussion ensued regarding detachment vacancies and recruitment, gender-based violence and domestic occurrences, and grant funding for the Mobile Crisis Response Team.

Acting Staff Sergeant Yohnicki provided an overview of the Safe Streets Program which has been implemented in the County of Brant. The program is a community public safety initiative designed to help promote public safety, foster and maintain a safe downtown environment, deter unlawful behaviour, aid emergency responders, and provide support for police investigations.

Resolution 5

Moved By: S. Bentley
Seconded By: K. Shaw

THAT the OPP reports for the months of May, June, July and August, 2023 from Inspector Kays, Haldimand County OPP be hereby received as presented.

CARRIED

2 Haldimand County OPP 2022 Annual Missing Persons Act Report

It was noted that the OPP are legislatively obligated to report if there are any missing persons in the area. Discussion ensued regarding the process for filing a missing persons complaint, locating individuals using pin-pointing location, and the Missing Persons Act.

Resolution 6

Moved By: M. Trainer
Seconded By: S. Bentley

THAT the Haldimand County OPP 2022 Annual Missing Persons Act Report be hereby received as presented.

CARRIED

3 Haldimand County Provincial Offences Act Ticket Issuance Statistics

Resolution 7

Moved By: M. Trainer
Seconded By: S. Bentley

THAT the Haldimand County Provincial Offences Act Ticket Issuance Reports for the months of May, June, July and August, 2023 be hereby received as presented.

CARRIED

4 Board Financials and Current Reserve Figures

It was noted that the 2024 draft budget will come forward to the November 23rd meeting for the Board's consideration.

Resolution 8

Moved By: M. Trainer

Seconded By: S. Bentley

THAT the Haldimand County Police Services Board hereby receives the Board Financials, dated September 22, 2023, and Current Reserve Figures, dated September 15, 2023, as information.

CARRIED

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1 Update on Detachment Commander Selection for Haldimand County OPP

It was noted that Inspector Kays was the successful candidate and has been appointed as the Detachment Commander for Haldimand County OPP.

2 Update on Council Vacancy

Marie Trainer was the successful candidate in the Ward 4 By-Election held on June 19th. At the September 5th Council meeting, Councillor Trainer was appointed to the Police Services Board.

3 Update on Provincial Appointment Vacancy

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

4 Process for Reporting Policing Concerns

Resolution 9

Moved By: M. Trainer

Seconded By: S. Bentley

1. THAT the Memorandum from Inspector Kays, Haldimand County OPP Re: Process for Reporting Policing Concerns, dated September 23, 2023, be received;

2. AND THAT this document be circulated to Haldimand County Council as reference for reporting policing concerns.

CARRIED

J. NEW BUSINESS

1 Haldimand County OPP Action Plan for 2023-2025

Discussion ensued as to the process and Board involvement in the development of the action plan. Further information will be provided at the November 23rd meeting.

2 Introduction of Acting Staff Sergeant Yohnicki

This item was discussed under Monthly Reports from the Detachment Commander portion of the meeting.

3 Safe Streets Program

This item was discussed under Monthly Reports from the Detachment Commander portion of the meeting.

Resolution 10

Moved By: M. Trainer

Seconded By: K. Shaw

THAT the Board Administrator be directed to investigate the implementation of the Safe Streets Program in Haldimand County and report back to the November 23, 2023 meeting.

CARRIED

4 Inquiry Re: Communications Officer for Haldimand OPP

The Board was advised that this position is currently vacant; however, it is anticipated that it will be filled in the upcoming months.

K. BY-LAWS

None.

L. CLOSED SESSION

1 Correspondence from the Ontario Civilian Police Commission Re: Commission Preliminary Review – Complaint Against Haldimand County Police Services Board (2018-2022) and Former Members of the Board

1.1 Proposed Statement of July 31, 2023

2 Discussion Re: Personnel Matter

Resolution 11

Moved By: K. Shaw
Seconded By: M. Trainer

THAT the Haldimand County Police Services Board hereby enters a portion of the meeting closed to the public at 11:43 a.m. pursuant to Section 35(4) Part b) of the *Police Services Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.15, as amended, for discussion where:

b) intimate financial or personal matters or other matters where the desirability of avoiding their disclosure in the interest of any person affected or in the public interest outweighs the desirability of adhering to the principle that proceedings be open to the public.

CARRIED

Resolution 12

Moved By: K. Shaw
Seconded By: M. Trainer

THAT the Haldimand County Police Services Board hereby comes out of the closed portion of the meeting at 12:21 p.m.

CARRIED

Resolution 13

Moved By: K. Shaw
Seconded By: M. Trainer

1. THAT the correspondence from the Ontario Civilian Police Commission (OCPC) Re: Commission Preliminary Review – Complaint Against Haldimand County Police Services Board (2018-2022) and Former Members of the Board, dated August 22, 2023, be received and remain confidential;
2. AND THAT the Haldimand County Police Services Board hereby approves the Statement of July 31, 2023, as submitted to and approved by the OCPC;
3. AND THAT the Statement be made publicly available by being published on the Board's webpage.

CARRIED

M. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board was set for Thursday, November 23, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers at the Haldimand County Administration Building.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 14

Moved By: K. Shaw
Seconded By: M. Trainer

THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR

ADMINISTRATOR