

HALDIMAND COUNTY POLICE SERVICES BOARD MINUTES

Date: March 28, 2024

Time: 9:30 A.M.

Location: Haldimand County Administration Building

Members Present L. Boyko, Chair

K. Shaw, Member M. Trainer, Member

Others Present Inspector Kays, Detachment Commander, Haldimand County OPP

Staff Sergeant Fox, Haldimand County OPP

Acting Staff Sergeant Harrop, Haldimand County OPP

T. Cassidy, Police Services Board Administrator

A. Call to Order

The Chair called the Police Services Board meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

B. Land Acknowledgement

The Chair read the Land Acknowledgement statement.

C. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

None.

D. Additions to the Agenda

Introduction of Staff Sergeant Fox and Acting Staff Sergeant Harrop from the Haldimand OPP Detachment

E. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- 1 Minutes from the regular meeting of January 25, 2024
- 2 Minutes from the closed meeting of January 25, 2024

Resolution 1

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

1. THAT the minutes of the January 25, 2024 Police Services Board meeting be adopted as circulated;

2. AND THAT the minutes of the Closed Session of the January 25, 2024 Police Services Board meeting be adopted as circulated and remain confidential.

CARRIED

F. Delegations and Presentations

Pino D'Armiento, Chair, Crime Stoppers of Haldimand and Norfolk Re: Updates and Request for Funding

Aimee Bernardo, Program Coordinator, was also in attendance.

Mr. D'Armiento provided an overview of the organization, highlighting 2023 activities and 2024 initiatives. It was added that this year is the 36th anniversary. Crime Stoppers are requesting a \$5,000 donation from the Board.

Discussion ensued as to the upcoming changes with the new Community Safety and Police Act and formation of a new OPP Detachment Board. The current Board members noted that the new board would be responsible for developing a budget and allocating funds.

Resolution 2

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

THAT the correspondence from Pino D'Armiento, Chair, Crime Stoppers of Haldimand and Norfolk Re: Updates and Request for Funding be received.

CARRIED

2 Scott Barrett Re: Traffic Complaints in Caledonia

Mr. Barrett spoke to road safety concerns, enforcement and empty alcohol containers on the side of the road on Highway 54 W. He spoke to the decrease in RIDE programs.

The Detachment Commander spoke to the Police Services Board newsletter that goes out in Brant to provide the community with analytics and information, and the possibility of a similar initiative in Haldimand County. She spoke to the County having 71 RIDE events this year to date, and to the potential for speed limit reductions in that area.

Staff Sergeant Fox spoke to setting up a potential speed spy study in the area. He clarified that he has statistics from 66 RIDE events in the Caledonia area alone between January of 2023 and March of 2024 and indicated he will review analytics. Staff Sergeant Fox also spoke to enforcement statistics related to speeding, and to the potential for a focus patrol in that area.

Resolution 3

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

THAT the correspondence from Scott Barrett Re: Traffic Complaints in Caledonia, dated February 27, 2024, be received.

CARRIED

G. Correspondence

None.

H. Reports

1 Monthly Report from the Detachment Commander

Inspector Kays responded to questions from the Board regarding potential grants for Mobile Crisis Response Team Enhancements (MCERT) to help provide training and resources to assist with calls related to mental health. She spoke to the fact that the detachment applies for these grants, but does not have dedicated staff for this purpose, and that the OPP is putting together a new bureau to assist with these applications. Clarification was provided regarding the Community Mobilization Program as part of MCERT, and the service hours responding to calls for mental health was discussed.

Inspector Kays reviewed the January and February monthly reports with the Board, with a focus on February. Patrol and foot patrol hours, and community mobilization hours were discussed. A year to date increase in property damage collisions, and non-fatal injury collisions was noted along with an update on impaired events including an increase in RIDE events compared to last year. The 75% MCERT diversion rate was highlighted. Some staffing changes in the detachment were discussed. A slight increase in violent crime and decrease in property crimes was spoken to, with notable increases in break and enter and sexual assault incidents.

Resolution 4

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

THAT the OPP reports for the months of January and February, 2024 from Inspector Kays, Haldimand County OPP be hereby received as presented.

CARRIED

2 Haldimand County Provincial Offences Act Ticket Issuance Statistics

Resolution 5

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

THAT the Haldimand County Police Services Board hereby receives the January and February, 2024 Haldimand County Provincial Offences Act Ticket Issuance Reports, as presented.

CARRIED

3 Board Financials and Current Reserve Figures

Resolution 6

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

THAT the Haldimand County Police Services Board hereby receives the Board Financials and Current Reserve Figures, dated March 19, 2024, as information.

CARRIED

I. Unfinished Business

1 Update on CSPA Summit (February 27-28, 2024)

Member Shaw spoke to the large number of changes and unknowns regarding the transition. She highlighted the potential to use this as an opportunity to work together with the community, but indicated a lack of training on the changes to date, with the Summit including a variety of types of boards and policing, not focused on the specific needs of this Board.

Chair Boyko spoke to the overwhelming amount of information regarding the coming changes. He noted that the OPP is having a summit in Orillia in April, and that the Act also changes the rules and the regulations that the OPP and municipal boards have to work under. It was highlighted that the First Nations police will now fall under same rules and regulations as OPP force if they opt into the new program. The composition, code of conduct, budget and cost-sharing of the new detachment board was discussed, along with new requirements for a records retention policy and insurance.

1.1 Legislated Training for Board Members

It was discussed that mandatory training for Board members will be available online, including thematic training and roles and responsibilities training. It was noted that applications to the new Haldimand OPP Detachment Board are now

open for Haldimand County residents, closing on April 11, 2024, with a report to Council at the end of April.

2 Update on Haldimand County OPP Draft Action Plan for 2023-2025

Inspector Kays clarified that the Draft Action Plan has been approved, and has already been submitted to the Ministry. Chair Boyko highlighted that the current Board had input on development of this document, and suggested bringing it forward to the new Board for review.

Inspector Kays spoke to the similarities of OPP and First Nations policing, and provided some information on OPP discipline.

3 Update on Safe Streets Program

The Speed Reduction and Traffic Calming Study that was included in the 2024 Tax Capital Budget was approved by Council on February 1, 2024. The next step is to do a Request for Proposal to obtain a consultant. The consultant will take a look at the Safe Streets Program as part of the study and the Board will have an opportunity to provide input.

J. New Business

1 OAPSB Zone 4 Meeting (February 21, 2024)

This item was discussed under the Update on CSPA Summit portion of the meeting.

2 Mississaugas of the Credit First Nations Meeting with PSB Chair (March 22, 2024)

This item was discussed under the Update on CSPA Summit portion of the meeting.

3 Community Safety Zones

It was noted that Section 214.1 of the Highway Traffic Act speaks to community safety zones. Since Highway 3 is under provincial jurisdiction, requests would need to be approved by the province. If the highway was under municipal jurisdiction, the criteria is laid out in Haldimand County Policy 2003-09.

The Detachment Commander added that Community Safety Zones are typically near schools and areas of high pedestrian traffic. There are strict guidelines and criteria that need to be met.

4 Traffic Enforcement on Haldibrook Road

Inspector Kays noted that, in conjunction with the Hamilton Police Service, there have been a number of charges laid since August, 2023. The OPP will continue to enforce the area.

Acting Staff Sergeant Harrop spoke to Haldibrook Road being a heavy traffic area. The commercial vehicle inspector has been conducting focused patrols. He added that there will be a traffic campaign starting on Easter weekend.

K. By-laws

None.

L. Closed Session

Resolution 7

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

THAT pursuant to Section 35 (4)(b) of the *Police Services Act*, the Haldimand County Police Services Board convene in a meeting at 11:38 a.m. closed to the public to discuss:

Section 35 (4)(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

Update on Personnel Matter

CARRIED

Resolution 8

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

THAT the Haldimand County Police Services Board hereby comes out of the closed portion of the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

CARRIED

Resolution 9

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

THAT the correspondence from Lorne Boyko, Chair, Haldimand County Police Services Board Re: Update on Personnel Matter, dated January 31, 2024, be received and remain confidential.

CARRIED

M. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board was set for Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers at the Haldimand County Administration Building.

N. Adjournment

Resolution 10

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

THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 12:10 p.m

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	CHAIR
	ADMINISTRATOR