



The Corporation of the Town of Essex
Police Services Board Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2023, 4:30 pm
Essex Municipal Building, Large Meeting Room, 33 Talbot Street South

Present: David Kigar
Karen Robertston
Sherry Bondy, Mayor, Chair
Kim Verbeek, Councillor Ward 2, Vice Chair

Also Present: Doug Sweet, Chief Administrative Officer
Sarah Girard, Recording Secretary

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1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:29 PM

2. Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that this land is the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations (comprised of the Ojibway, the Odawa, and the Potawatomi Peoples), and of the Huron-Wendat Peoples. We value the significant historical and contemporary contributions of local and regional First Nations and all of the Original Peoples of Turtle Island who have been living and working on the land from time immemorial.

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest noted

4. Adoption of Published Agenda

4.1 Police Services Board Meeting Agenda for March 9, 2023

EPSB23-03-09

Moved By David Kigar

Seconded By Councillor Verbeek

That the published agenda for the March 9, 2023 Police Services Board Meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

5. Adoption of Minutes

5.1 Police Services Board Minutes for February 2, 2023

EPSB23-03-10

Moved By Councillor Verbeek

Seconded By David Kigar

That the minutes of the Police Services Board meeting held February 2, 2023 be adopted as amended

Carried

6. Unfinished Business

7. Reports from Administration

EPSB23-03-11

Moved By Karen Robertston

Seconded By David Kigar

That the reports listed in Agenda Item 7 be received

Carried

7.1 Monthly Reports

Police Service Board Report for Essex and Monthly Overview for January 2023

Inspector Ferguson stated that the top calls for service in January were the following:

Property Checks (76) Officers are attending houses as requested by residents who are away on vacation, businesses in the evening to ensure they are locked and cottages to ensure they are not broken into.

Motor Vehicle Collisions (28) there were no fatalities, the number of collisions is aligned with January 2022, this is believed due to weather.

Traffic Enforcement (24) Councillor Verbeek, Vice Chair questioned why the calls for service were so low. She stated that traffic enforcement should be more of a priority over property checks.

Inspector Ferguson stated that they are trying to get the traffic enforcement numbers up higher in the coming months. She continued that residents do call to have their properties inspected when on vacation which drives up the hours used on property checks.

Mayor Bondy stated that residents are requesting to see the Ontario Provincial Police on the roadways and stated that traffic enforcement should be top priority.

Impaired (1) Mayor Bondy stated that there are empty beer cans on the side of County and Concession roads throughout the Town of Essex. She continued that the Harrow news did a write up on the concerns of this activity and she stated that the Town does not condone drinking and driving. She continued that she would like to see the Ontario Provincial Police back this initiative up with their presence and any statements they give regarding this subject. She stated that an Office provided a statement to the Harrow news and they stated that the debris was due to blue boxes being blown around. She continued that this was

unacceptable and that the Town and Police need to work together to combat drinking and driving.

Auxiliary Hours (4) Inspector Ferguson stated that she has met with the new Auxiliaries and she is hopeful that Essex will see an increase in the hours as spring and summer are also approaching.

7.2 Windsor Essex County Crime Stoppers Report

Inspector Ferguson advised the members that there was a Chuck A Puck February 18 2023 at the WFCU Centre and that there is another one transpiring Wednesday, March 15 2023.

7.3 Strategic Plan

Doug Sweet, CAO, Staff Liaison, stated that this item will be an on-going item on the agenda and asked the board when would they be available to discuss top priorities. He also asked Inspector Ferguson how she would prefer the boards priorities be relayed to her.

Inspector Ferguson stated that the priorities can be given to her in the form of a letter.

Mayor Bondy, Chair, stated that Council should discuss what their top priorities are for the strategic plan as they hear from the community regarding policing concerns. She continued that those objectives can be brought back to the board to review and a report can then be provided to the Ontario Provincial Police.

7.4 OAPSB Conference

EPSB23-03-12

Moved By Councillor Verbeek

Seconded By Karen Robertston

Recommended Action:

That the committee donate \$500 to the OAPSB Conference 2023

Carried

7.5 Budget

Doug Sweet, CAO, Staff Liaison provided the members with the 2023 approved budget overview for the Police Service Board.

8. Correspondence

EPSB23-03-13

Moved By Councillor Verbeek

Seconded By Karen Robertston

That the correspondence listed in Agenda Item 8 be received

Carried

8.1 Information Purposes Only from the Ontario Association

- 23-0004 Regulations Amending Certain Regulations Made Under the Firearms Act: SOR/2022-91

- 23-0006 Rapid Integrated Ballistics Identification System
- 23-0008 Inspector General of Policing

9. **Adjournment**

EPSB23-03-14

Moved By Councillor Verbeek

Seconded By Karen Robertston

That the meeting be adjourned at 4:55 PM

Carried

10. **Future Meetings**

April 6, 2023 4PM

Location: Town Hall, Large Meeting Room, 33 Talbot Street South, Essex

Chair

Recording Secretary