



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

March 7, 2024, 3:30 pm
Location: Essex Municipal Building, 33 Talbot Street South

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

Also Present: Inspector - Angela Ferguson
Chief Administrative Officer - Doug Sweet
Executive Assistant to the CAO and Council - Sarah Bell
Staff Sergeant - Jamie Smith

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1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:30 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 at this time.

4. Adoption of Published Agenda

4.1 Police Services Board Meeting Agenda for March 7, 2024

EPSB-03-12

Moved By Karen Robertston

Seconded By Councillor Verbeek

That the published agenda for the March 7, 2024 Police Services Board Meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

5. Adoption of Minutes

5.1 Police Services Board Minutes for February 1, 2024

EPSB-03-13

Moved By David Kigar

Seconded By Timothy Meloche

That the minutes of the Police Services Board meeting held February 1, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

6. New Business

6.1 Update on New OPP Detachment Board

Doug Sweet, Chief Administrative Officer, advised that this was the last Essex Police Services Board meeting as the new Essex County OPP Detachment Board - North will be meeting after April 1, 2024, once it is established.

Mr. Sweet explained that the Chief Administrative Officers of Essex, Lakeshore and Tecumseh are scheduled to meet with the OPP on Friday, March 22, 2024, to discuss next steps in the transition to a regional detachment board.

Mr. Sweet reminded those members that are on the new Essex County OPP Detachment Board to complete the five online training modules by April 1, 2024.

6.2 OPP Rules and Regulations on Towing in Essex County

EPSB-03-14

Moved By Councillor Verbeek

Seconded By David Kigar

That the verbal report by Staff Sergeant Jamie Smith, be received for information.

Carried

7. Reports from Administration

7.1 Monthly Report Ontario Provincial Police - January 2024

Inspector Angela Ferguson advised that the top calls for service for the Town of Essex for January 2024 were property checks, motor vehicle collisions, alarm calls, property calls, suspicious persons, traffic enforcement, family disputes, by-law calls, mental health calls, and well-being checks.

Ms. Ferguson further noted that there were 455 total calls for service, an increase of 56 total calls for service for the month of January over the previous year and an 9.9% increase across the County of Essex.

Inspector Ferguson stated there were 16 violent crimes in the month of January, with a decrease in the County of 2.6% and a clearance rate of 78.6%. Property crimes increased by 6 from the previous year with a 3.5% increase across the County.

Ms. Ferguson further reported that there were 44 motor vehicle collisions for the month of January, 2 impaired and exceed offences, and 3 administrative driver licence suspensions.

Ms. Ferguson advised that Criminal Code charges and Youth Criminal Justice Act ("YCJA") charges decreased by 9 in the Town of Essex in January, with a 13.2% increase in the County. She also explained that there was an increase of 42 POA charges over 2023 in the Town of Essex.

Ms. Ferguson further noted that mental health calls increased by 2 over the previous year in the Town of Essex, while the rest of the County experienced a 27.3% decrease.

Ms. Ferguson noted that there were 3 911 misdials, 18 false alarms, 10 R.I.D.E. programs, 38 foot patrol hours, and 13 Auxiliary service hours in the month of January.

EPSB-03-15

Moved By Karen Robertston

Seconded By Timothy Meloche

That the report listed in Agenda Item 8.1 be received for information.

Carried

8. Correspondence

8.1 Information Purposes Only from Ontario Association of Police Service Boards

24-004 Basic Constable Training Program - Allocation Request for March 8-June 14, 2024

24-005 New Mandatory Online Learning for the Public Safety Sector

24-006 Safer and Vital Communities Grant - Call for Applications

24-007 Building a Case Against Hate Conference

24-008 Missing Persons Act - 2023 Annual Report - New Central Forms Repository Site & Training Supports

24-009 Annual Reporting Requirements Ontario Major Case Management and Violent Crime Linkage Analysis System

24-010 Anti Human Trafficking Training Sessions

24-011 Human Trafficking Awareness Resources

24-012 Safer and Vital Communities Grant - Call for Applications

EPSB-03-16

Moved By Councillor Verbeek

Seconded By David Kigar

That the correspondence listed in Agenda Item 9.1 be received.

Carried

9. Adjournment

EPSB-03-17

Moved By Karen Robertston

Seconded By Timothy Meloche

That the meeting be adjourned at 4:09PM.

Carried

10. Future Meetings

To be determined as of April 1, 2024, by new Essex County OPP Detachment Board - North

Chair

Recording Secretary