



Essex Police Services Board (EPSB)

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 3rd, 2020 - 4:30 PM

Location: This meeting is being held electronically via Zoom

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1. Call to Order

Present:

Councillor, Kim Verbeek, Vice-Chair

Katie McGuire Blais

Richard Tapping

Karen Robertson

Councillor, Morley Bowman

Also Present:

A/Staff Sergeant Joe Meloche

Inspector Glenn Miller

Chris Nepszy, Chief Administrative Officer

Doug Sweet, Director, Community Services /

Deputy CAO

Sarah Aubin, Recording Secretary

Public Members:

Adam Gault

Sherry Bondy, Councillor

2. Closed Meeting Reports

None

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None

4. Adoption of Published Agenda

4.1 Thursday December 3rd 2020 Essex Police Service Board Regular Meeting Agenda

Moved by Katie McGuire Blais

Seconded by Karen Robertson

(EPSB-20-12-34) That the published agenda for the December 3rd 2020 Regular Essex Police Service Board meeting, be adopted as presented.

“Carried”

5. Adoption of Minutes

5.1 Thursday,, November 5th 2020 Essex Police Service Board Regular Meeting Minutes

Moved by Richard Tapping

Moved by Katie McGuire-Blais

(EPSB 20-12-35) That the minutes of the, November 5th 2020 Essex Police Service Board Meeting, be adopted as circulated. **“Carried”**

6. Public Presentations

None

7. Unfinished Business

8. Reports from Administration

1. Monthly Reports

October

- I. Police Services Board Report for Essex
- II. Police Services Board Monthly Overview September 2020
- III. OPP Detachment Board Report
- IV. Windsor & Essex County Crime Stoppers Report

Constable Joe Meloche explained the October monthly report to the members.

He advised that he had added the Property Checks to the Top Calls for service to the Town of Essex. He stated that the Town of Essex has cottages on the waterfront in Colchester that the O.P.P. officers will be completing checks on the properties in the area to ensure they are secure and safe during the winter months.

Richard Tapping thanked Constable Meloche. Inspector Glenn Miller and advised that the reports and the presence of the O.P.P. officers has been seen throughout the community.

Kim Verbeek, Councillor stated that the traffic enforcement numbers have been elevated in the reports and stated that there is great interest in obtaining a traffic enforcement officer to combat traffic concerns.

Inspector Glenn Miller, stated that the Town can add enhancements to the policing contract and an officer dedicated to traffic enforcement can be added. He stated that the cost would be \$175,000 to \$200,000 for a dedicated officer.

Kim Verbeek, Councillor stated that the province has directed the O.P.P to enforce the COVID-19 restrictions. She asked Inspector Miller if he has seen an increase in cases and tickets being given.

Inspector Miller stated that 166 different instances have occurred due to COVID-19. He stated that there is currently no tickets being handed out, the O.P.P. prefer to educate the public about COVID-19 and to follow the recommended restrictions. He stated should we educate the public and the recommendations are still not adhered to, the officers will not hesitate to write a ticket if need be.

Richard Tapping advised that he concurs with the O.P.P approach of education instead of ticketing. He asked Constable Joe Meloche if he has that same approach with speeding within the Town or does he recommend that ticketing before education would be best in that circumstance.

Constable Meloche stated that he himself has taken the approach to education rather than ticketing. He continues to stated that should those he has educated continue to break the traffic laws he will then ticket but only after attempts to educate the residence.

Moved by: Karen Robertson

Seconded by: Richard Tapping

(EPSB 20-12-36) That the Reports from item 8.1 be received. **"Carried"**

9. Other Reports

a) Information Purposes Only

1. **20-0142** Enforcement and Amendments under the Reopening Ontario Act, 2020
2. **20-0143** Further Amendments under the Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID 19) Act, 2020
3. **20-0146** Guidelines to School Emergency and Crisis Response Procedures During COVID-19
 - a. **20-0146** Attachment-1-Joint-Memo-from-Denise-Dwyer-and-Rick-Stubblings
 - b. **20-146** Attachment-2-Emergency-and-Crisis-Response-Guidance
 - c. **20-146** Attachment-3-Appendix-A-Fire-Drill-Safety
4. **20-0150** All-Chiefs-Memo-Changes-under-the-Reopening-Ontario-Act-2020
 - a. **20-0150** Attachment-4-O.-Reg.-36420-Rules-for-Areas-in-Stage-3-Amendments

Moved by Richard Tapping

Seconded by Katie McGuire-Blais

(EPSB 20-12-37) That the Reports from item 9.1 be received. **"Carried"**

10. New Business

1. 2021 Police Service Board Meeting Schedule

Moved by: Katie McGuire-Blais

Seconded by: Councillor, Morley Bowman

(EPSB 20-12-38) That the 2021 Police Service Board Meeting Schedule be adopted as presented

"Carried"

2. Election Chair / Vice Chair Committee Season 2021

Committee to nominate and vote for Chair and Vice Chair positions for the January 2021 to December 2021 Committee Season.

2.1 Election of Chair

Councillor, Morley Bowman nominates Councillor, Kim Verbeek for position of Chair.

Councillor, Kim Verbeek accepts the nomination

Moved by: Councillor, Morley Bowman

Seconded by: Karen Robertson

(EPSB 20-12-39) That Councillor, Kim Verbeek be nominated for the position of Chair of the Essex Police Service Board effective January 2021.

“Carried”

It is noted that there are no other nominations for the position of Chair for the Essex Police Service Board, and that therefor Councillor, Kim Verbeek is acclaimed as Chair of the Essex Police Service Board.

2.2 Election of Vice Chair

Katie McGuire Blais nominates Richard Tapping for position of Vice Chair

Richard Tapping does not accept the nomination

Richard Tapping nominates Katie McGuire Blais for position of Vice Chair

Katie McGuire Blais accepts the nomination

Moved by: Richard Tapping

Seconded by: Karen Robertson

(EPSB 20-12-40) That Katie McGuire-Blais be nominated for the position of Vice Chair of the Essex Police Service Board effective January 2021.

“Carried”

It is noted that there are no other nominations for the position of Vice Chair for the Essex Police Service Board, and that therefor Katie McGuire Blais is acclaimed as Vice Chair of the Essex Police Service Board.

11. Announcements / Notices of Motion

12. Adjournment

Moved by: Richard Tapping

Seconded by: Katie McGuire Blais

(EPSB-20-12-41) That the meeting be adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

13. Future Meeting Date

Thursday, January 7th, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. TBD.

Chair

Recording Secretary