



Essex Police Services Board (EPSB)

Special Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 12th, 2021 - 4:30 PM

Location: This meeting is being held electronically via Zoom

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Present: Councillor Kim Verbeek, Chair
Katie McGuire Blais, Co Chair
Richard Tapping
Councillor Morley Bowman
Karen Robertson

Also Present: A/Staff Sergeant Todd Lavigne
Inspector Glenn Miller
Sarah Aubin, Recording Secretary
Sergeant Peter Marshall, OPP Contract Analyst, Municipal
Policing Bureau

Regrets: Doug Sweet, Director, Community Services/
Deputy CAO

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

2. Closed Meeting Report

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No declarations of conflict of interest were noted

4. Adoption of Published Agenda

4.1 Essex Police Service Board Special Meeting Agenda for August 12th 2021

EPSB21-08-41

Moved by Member Tapping

Seconded by Councillor Bowman

That the published agenda for the August 12th 2021 Essex Police Service Board Special meeting be adopted as presented.

5. Public Presentations

6. Unfinished Business

6.1 Traffic Enforcement Officer

Chair Councillor Kim Verbeek provides the members with a summary of what transpired between October 2020 to current day with the discussions and inquires into the Town of Essex obtaining a Traffic Enforcement Officer.

She advised that administration, the Police Service Board and OPP have tried multiple ways to combat speeding through out the Town of Essex. She stated that some of the ways were via social media, newspaper articles, increased RIDE programs, speed trailer along with targeting enforcement at identified areas of concern, with other public outreach and education. She stated that unfortunately none seemed to curb or combat the speeding issues and concerns and stated that there needs to be an enhancement to the Essex OPP contract to provide for a Traffic Enforcement Officer.

Sergeant Peter Marshall OPP Contract Analyst, stated that the Town is currently seeking one (1) officer to be contracted for the purposes of Traffic Enforcement. He advised that this officer would be simply utilized for the purposes of Traffic Enforcement. He advised that the hours would not be 24/7 as it would be one officer on contract and work times cannot accommodate for 24/7 patrol. He advised that the enhancement should assist in bringing down speeding throughout the Town of Essex. He advised that the cost of the contact position for the first year would be roughly \$197,048.00 and stated that the second year the cost would go down to roughly

\$176,119.00. He advised that there is a percentage increase yearly so the numbers provided may not be accurate but would not increase drastically.

Peter Marshall also stated that in 2022 the new Policing Act will not hold contracts with any Municipality however stated that the enhancements will be upheld should the Town wish to move forward.

EPSB21-08-42

Moved by Member Tapping

Seconded by Member Robertson

That the Committee recommend the Enhancement to the O.P.P Contract to add a Traffic Enforcement Officer and that the position be included in the 2022 budget.

7. Reports and Announcement from Committee Members.

8. Reports from Administration

9. Correspondence

10. New Business

11. Notices of Motion

12. Adjournment

EPSB21-08-43

Moved by Member Robertson

Seconded by Co-Chair McGuire-Blais

That the meeting be adjourned at 10:54 AM

13. Future Meetings

14.1 September 2, 2021, Location: Electronic Meeting