



Essex Police Services Board (EPSB)

Special Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 17th, 2021 - 10:00 AM

Location: This meeting is being held electronically via Zoom

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Present: Councillor Kim Verbeek, Chair
Katie McGuire Blais, Vice Chair
Richard Tapping
Karen Robertson

Also Present: Chris Nepszy, Chief Administrative Officer
Doug Sweet, Director, Community Services/
Deputy CAO
Sarah Aubin, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Councillor Morley Bowman

1. Call to Order

The Chair Called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM

2. Closed Meeting Report

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no declaration of conflict of interest noted at this time

4. Adoption of Published Agenda

4.1 Essex Police Service Board Special Meeting Agenda for May 17, 2021

EPSB21-05-27

Moved by Karen Robertson

Seconded by Richard Tapping

That the published agenda for the May 17 2021 Essex Police Service Board Special meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

5. Adoption of Minutes

5.1 Essex Police Service Board Regular Meeting Minutes for May 6th, 2021

EPSB21-05-28

Moved by Richard Tapping

Seconded by Karen Robertson

That the minutes of the May 6th, 2021 Essex Police Service Board Regular Meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

6. Public Presentations

7. Unfinished Business

8. Reports and Announcement from Committee Members

9. Reports from Administration

10. Correspondence

11. New Business

11.1 Two-Board System Police Service Board

EPSB21-05-29

Moved by Katie McGuire-Blais

Seconded by Karen Robertson

That the Essex Police Service Board supports a two-board system approximately divided between the Municipalities of Tecumseh and Lakeshore, and the Municipalities of Kingsville, Leamington and Pelee for the region with billing apportioned by municipality.

Carried

11.2 Essex Police Service Board Amalgamation

Chair Councillor Verbeek explains to the members that the Essex County Police Service Board at the direction of the Solicitor General in 2019 retained a third party consultation company Foresight Management Consulting in who recommended and advised the board of the benefits of amalgamating the six (6) police service boards within the County of Essex into one.

The County of Essex Police Service Board made a motion to May 13th 2021 meeting to have a two-board system. With the boards being divided between the Municipalities of Tecumseh and Lakeshore, and the Municipalities of Kingsville, Leamington, Pelee, and Caldwell Nations.

She stated that the decision of the County of Essex Board is being presented to the Solicitor General by June 7th 2021.

She advised that the Essex Police Service Board needs to decide on which of the two boards proposed would Essex like to sit on.

Katie McGuire Blais advised that she can see the pros and cons of both boards.

Tecumseh and Lakeshore is like the Town of Essex, however with Kingsville and Leamington being neighbours it seems more logical she stated. But has concerns with the capacity of services Leamington requires and stated that Essex may get lost during the meetings.

Richard Tapping concurred with Katie McGuire Blais

Karen Robertson stated that Leamington's Mayor Hilda MacDonald advised that they would not be renewing the O.P.P contract and would therefore make the proposed board smaller in nature and a better fit for Essex.

Chair Verbeek advised that the decision to not renew the contract would be up to the Municipalities Council members. She advised that a meeting is to transpire in the near future to determine if the O.P.P contract will be renewed.

EPSB21-05-30

Moved by Karen Robertson

Seconded by Richard Tapping

That the Essex Police Service Board amalgamation decision be deferred to gather further information on the proposed amalgamation of police service boards until May 26th 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

Carried

12. Notices of Motion

13. Adjournment

EPSB21-05-31

Moved by Katie McGuire-Blais

Seconded by Richard Tapping

That the meeting be adjourned at 10:34 AM

Carried

14. Future Meetings

14.1 May 26, 2021, at 4:30 PM, Location: Electronic Meeting