



Essex Police Services Board (EPSB) Minutes

Thursday May 5, 2022 - 4:30 PM

Location: 33 Talbot Street South, Essex ON N8M 1A8

Present:	Councillor Kim Verbeek, Chair Katie McGuire Blais - Vice Chair Richard Tapping, Member Karen Robertson, Member Councillor, Morley Bowman, Member
Also Present:	Constable Rick Brusseau Inspector Glenn Miller Doug Sweet, Chief Administrative Officer Sarah Aubin, Recording Secretary Mayor Richard Meloche
Regrets:	A/Staff Sergeant Jennifer Wilson

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at approximately 4:32 PM.

2. Closed Meeting Report

None

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No declarations of conflict of interest noted

4. Adoption of Published Agenda

4.1 Essex Police Service Board Regular Meeting Agenda for May 5, 2022

EPSB22-05-24

Moved by Member Roberts

Seconded by Vice Chair McGuire-Blais

That the published agenda for the May 5, 2022 Essex Police Service Board Regular meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

5. Adoption of Minutes

5.1 Essex Police Service Board Meeting Minutes for April 7, 2022

EPSB22-05-25

Moved by Member Tapping

Seconded by Member Councillor Bowman

That the minutes of the April 7 2022 Essex Police Service Board Meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

6. Public Presentations

7. Unfinished Business

8. Reports and Announcement from Committee Members

8.1 Verbal Update by Inspector Miller

Inspector Miller advised the members that he will be providing the trends analysis for 2020 to 2021. This information will provide the consistent occurrences, time of day they mostly occur and will affectively allocate the Ontario Provincial Police to the tackle these specific trends.

He advised that there was a 2 to 3 percent decrease in drug occurrences. He stated that Marijuana became legal and this attributes to the decrease. He advised however that Opioid overdoses are increasing and that fentanyl seizures have increased.

He advised that within the Town of Essex, from 2017 to 2021 there was a total of 19 overdoses that resulted in death. He stated the Town of Essex is on the low end of the scale compared to other communities within the County of Essex.

Inspector Miller continued to state that Domestic Abuse calls have increased all over the County. He stated that there was a fall in 2019 to 2022 however in 2021 there was 171 in the Town of Essex alone and the locations are within Essex, Harrow and McGregor centres.

He stated that Automobile thefts have increased by 18 percent within the County. He advised that Town of Essex residents are very good at locking their vehicle. He stated thefts have occurred more frequently in Essex Centre and McGregor.

He continued that Motor Vehicle accidents have increased, and he stated that drug and alcohol related accidents are transpiring more frequently. He advised that impaired drivers are being stopped between 6 and 10 a.m. and during late afternoon hours after work and dinner. He stated that the community has stepped up and has been calling the 911 line when they see something. He encourages the community to be the eyes and ears of the Ontario Provincial Police so that they can ensure the roadways are safe as everyone deserves to go home at the end of the day safely.

Doug Sweet, Chief Administrative Officer, stated that there has also been an increase within the Town of Essex with regards to vandalism. He stated that profanity, sexual content, and hate crime vandalism has gotten out of control through out the community.

P/C Brusseau stated that focused patrols are transpiring in the areas of concern. That foot patrols are happening day and night to try and apprehend the culprits.

Inspector Miller recommended to the Town of Essex that signs be placed at the subject properties and state that it is a chargeable offence and when caught they will be charged under the criminal code.

Vice Chair McGuire-Blais suggested that an Ontario Provincial Police officer walk to the community in the areas of concern and hand out their cards to residence so that if they see something they can call immediately.

Chair Verbeek recommended training staff on Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) and that administration start a social media campaign with the consequences of vandalizing Town property and the charges that can occur from it.

Inspector Miller stated that he could provide Ontario Provincial Police Officers to train staff in CPTED so that they be more vigilant.

Chair Verbeek asked Inspector Miller if something can be said to students during Value Influence Peers (VIP) that the Ontario Provincial Police do with the grade school students.

Inspector Miller advised that they are currently only in the Catholic Board schools not the Public Board, but will have the officers who attend education the youth on the possible consequences of vandalism as well as the importance of speaking up if they see or know of anything.

9. Reports from Administration

9.1. Monthly Reports

March

9.1.2 Police Services Board Report for Essex

9.1.3 Police Services Board Monthly Overview March 2022

9.1.4 OPP Detachment Board Report

9.1.5 Windsor and Essex County Crime Stoppers Report

Constable Brusseau advised that the top calls for service were the following:

(31) Property Checks, stated that the Town has requested the increase in property checks due to the vandalism that has been transpiring. The increase is also do to patrols happening in dealerships lots as catalytic converters have also been stolen.

(27) Traffic Enforcement, officers have been posted to County Rd 8, County Rd 12, County Rd 23 and County Rd 50 West. As well as Talbot Street North and South, Iler Road, Gesto Road, and within the McGregor Hamlet. He advised from those (10) tickets were provided to drivers and (9) warnings.

(18) Traffic Complaints, Impaired driving calls with aggressive driving and speeding concerns.

(25) False Alarms, there were (11) instances at Essex high school and (3) at the Harrow Arena.

(23) Bylaw, animal complaints were (10) with (8) noise complaints.

(7) Violent Crimes, he advised that this could be one offender with multiple charges
(16) Criminal Code, he advised that there was an incident with a minor and another one that was a domestic case.

(18) Mental Health, he advised that most were follow up calls from previous months.

(110) Foot Patrol Hours, this increase is due to the mischief that has occurred.

(20) Auxiliary Hours, he advised that they are currently seeking auxiliary members.

Doug Sweet, Chief Administrative Officer questioned if the Ontario Provincial Police have a way to determine where the Motor Vehicle Accidents and Traffic Complaints transpire frequently. He stated as an example, on County Rd 23, or Gesto Side Road, County Road 15 or 3rd Concession. He advised that if there was a way to determine which roads that if on Town roads and not County road they would like to assist the Ontario Provincial Police by curbing those infractions.

EPSB22-05-26

Moved by Member Robertson

Seconded by Vice Chair McGuire-Blais

That the Reports listed in Agenda Item 9.1 be received

Carried

10. Correspondence

10.1 Information Purposes Only

- 10.1.1 **22-0031 Amendments to Ontario Regulation 287/08: Conduct Review Programs under the Highway Traffic Act (HTA)**
- 10.1.2 **22-0032 Expiry of O. Reg. 8/21- Enforcement of COVID-19 Measures**
- 10.1.3 **22-0033 Extension for Ontario Carriers Registered under the International Registration Plan**
- 10.1.4 **22-0034 Launch of the Ontario igaming Market**
- 10.1.5 **22-0035 Enforcement of Hours of Service (Regulation 555/06) for Ontario-Based Carriers.**
- 10.1.6 **22-0036 Issues Related to the Protection of Persons Administering and Enforcing the Law - Sections 25.1 to 25.4 of the Criminal Code of Canada.**
- 10.1.7 **22-0037 Police Week 2022 – May 15-21, 2022**
- 10.1.8 **22-0038 Keeping Ontario Open for Business Act, 2022 and the Expiry of O. Reg. 71/22 – Critical Infrastructure and Highways under the EMCPA**
- 10.1.9 **22-0039 New GPS monitoring program now live**
- 10.1.10 **22-0040 Highway Traffic Act Amendments Authorizing Automated Flagger Assistance Devices**
- 10.1.11 **22-0041 Updates to the Standards of Care for Outdoor Dogs under the Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act, 2019**

Chair Councillor Verbeek stated that she was elated to see that the Province amended the Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act to include items such as Shade, Shelter and Protection from elements, Food and water, Health and Grooming as well as shelter sizing.
- 10.1.12 **22-0042 – Call for Applications for Fiscal Year 2022-2023**
- 10.1.13 **22-0043 Guidance Note #2 – revised Structure and Function of the Joint Health and Safety Committee**
- 10.1.14 **22-0044 Police Services Board Members and Elections**

Chair Councillor Verbeek stated that the correspondence under item 10.1.14 – 22-0044 Police Service Board Members and Elections states that the Police Service Board members must make their intentions know with regards to the Municipal Election.

She advised that she will be seeking re-election.

Member Councillor Bowman stated that he will be seeking election

Mayor Meloche stated that he will be seeking election.

EPSB22-05-27

Moved by Member Tapping

Seconded by Member Councillor Bowman

That the Reports listed in Agenda Item 10.1 be received.

Carried

11. New Business

11.1 Richard Tapping extension of appointment to the Police Service Board

Councillor Verbeek, thanked Member Tapping for his continued service to the Police Service Board.

11.2 2021 Unclaimed Monies

Chair Councillor Verbeek advised that she met with Constable Rick Brusseau and was provided with 5 separate envelopes totaling \$763.00. She stated that the money was turned in by good samaritans in the community to the Ontario Provincial Police however it was unclaimed by the original owners.

Councillor Verbeek stated that she spoke with Doug Sweet, Chief Administrative Officer regarding a Good Samaritan campaign. She advised that the contest would be to request residents to recommend Good Samaritans and provide their story to the Town of Essex. She stated that winners can be chosen at random and they would receive a portion of the funds provided by the Ontario Provincial Police.

She continued to state that an option would be to take \$500.00 and distribute it to the winners and the remaining \$263.00 be provided to community by way of the Ontario Provincial Police within the Town of Essex and have them help a family in need, child in need or through gift cards to children / teenagers in the community.

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Moved by Vice Chair McGuire-Blais

Seconded by Member Robertson

That the unclaimed monies be utilized towards a Good Samaritan Campaign and that there be 5 prizes of \$100.00 each with the remaining \$263.00 allocated to the Ontario Provincial Police officers to use as they see fit.

Carried

12. Notices of Motion

13. Adjournment

EPSB22-05-29

Moved by Member Robertson

Seconded by Member Tapping

That the meeting be adjourned at 5:42 PM

Carried

14. Future Meetings

14.1 June 2, 2022, Location: Large Meeting Room, 33 Talbot Street South