

PUBLIC Meeting MINUTES

Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024

Time: 1:45 - 3:00 pm

Location: 150 Goyeau Street, 4th Floor, WPS Headquarters

PRESENT:

Mayor Drew Dilkens, Chair

Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac, Vice Chair

Ms. Sophia Chisholm

Mr. John Elliott

Chief Jason Bellair

Deputy Chief Jason Crowley

Mayor Michael Prue

Kent Rice, Windsor Police Association

Melissa Brindley Barry Horrobin Bryce Chandler Gary Francoeur

Video Conference: Deputy Chief Karel DeGraaf, David Tilley, Inspectorate of Policing Office

REGRETS: Mr. Robert de Verteuil RECORDER: Administrative Director

1. Call to Order

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 1: pm

2. Declarations of Conflict & Pecuniary Interest by Members

None declared

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by J. Gignac

Seconded by J. Elliott

CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 Minutes from the Public Meeting April 21, 2024

Moved by J. Gignac

Seconded by S. Chisholm

CARRIED

5. Business Arriving from the Minutes:

None

Moved and seconded

CARRIED

6. Delegations

None

7. Monthly Reports

7.1 Crime Stoppers Report

Moved by S. Chisholm

Seconded by J. Elliott

- CARRIED

7.2 Information and Privacy Report

Moved by J. Gignac

Seconded by J. Elliott

CARRIED

7.3 Crime Trends and Statistics – Verbal

Chief indicates that the primary driver for violent crime against persons continues to be Intimate Partner Violence (IPV). A meeting with local stakeholders and experts was convened with an eye to developing a pilot intervention strategy designed to consolidate synergies that would aim to see a reduction in IPV. Two agencies have indicated their willingness to be partners with the goal to have something that will be ready to be piloted in the next few months. WPS has realized some success making multiple arrests of individuals that have breached their bail conditions.

A Member asks if this will be similar to the MOU we have with HDGH with the nurse/officer, social worker/officer teams?

Response: We need to continue to collaborate to gain a better understanding regarding what each partner will bring to the table, and if any other partners are interested in joining the initiative during the pilot stage, before moving to a formal Memorandum of Understanding.

A Member notes that the partnership with HDGH is cutting-edge, making a real difference in the community, and the hope would be that an initiative such as this would do the same.

It is noted that theft is the biggest pain point with respect to Crime Against Property. Tap Fraud and unlocked vehicles continue to be a problem. Twenty-two percent of all crimes are related to shoplifting and WPS continues to reach out to businesses willing to work with the Service to suppress those numbers. Thirty percent of the shoplifting issues are related to one corporation. It is frustrating when a particular business continues to file reports of shoplifting but is not willing work with WPS to find ways to suppress the activity. Those numbers are added to our national crime statistics index which reflects poorly on the City of Windsor.

7.4 Professional Standards Branch

Moved by J. Gignac

Seconded by S. Chisholm

CARRIED

8. General Reports

8.1 Asset Management Plans

This report is required to ensure compliance with the Legislative mandate directing all Municipalities to develop comprehensive Asset Management Plans (AMP). WPS worked with the City of Windsor's AMP project team to ensure all legislatively mandated WPS elements are included in the overall plan. A Member enquires about the condition and life expectancy of the Windsor Police Headquarters. It is noted that the life expectancy is 50 years, but it will most likely be longer.

Response: There is a significant capital reserve fund that ensures that there is the financial ability to maintain the building. Building assessments are done on a regular basis and they have indicated that the structural integrity of the building is very high.

Moved by S. Chisholm

Seconded by J. Elliott

CARRIED

9. Human Resources Report

Moved by S. Chisholm

Seconded by J. Elliott

CARRIED

10. Communications

10.1 WPA Ratification Agreements correspondence

Moved by J. Gignac

Seconded by J. Elliott

- CARRIED

10.2 All Chiefs Memos

Moved by J. Gignac

Seconded by J. Elliott

CARRIED

11. New Business

11.1 Use of Police Crest/Shoulder Patch Emblem

Members agree that Victoria Greenlawn Memorial Gardens be allowed to add the Police Badge/Shoulder Patch emblems to their artwork catalogue for use by WPS members and retirees but that a provision should be included in the resolution requiring that Victoria Greenlawn Memorial Gardens contact the Deputy Chief of Operations and the Windsor Police Service Board prior to use of the artwork to ensure that it will be used for WPS members and retirees only.

Moved by J. Gignac

Seconded by S. Chisholm

BE IT RESOLVED THAT	The Windsor Police Service Board approves the request from the Victoria Greenlawn Memorial Gardens for permission to use the WPS Badge and Shoulder Patch images for a period of five (5) years commencing June 20, 2024, until June 20, 2029.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT	Victoria Greenlawn Memorial Gardens may use these images for Windsor Police Service Members and retirees only.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVEDTHAT	Victoria Greenlawn Memorial Gardens provide in writing, prior to the use of the emblem(s), the name of each member/retiree for whom the reproduction of these images will be used to the Deputy Chief of Operational Support and to the Windsor Police Service Board.

CARRIED

11.2 Request from University of Windsor – Windsor Police Service Criminology Award

Moved by S. Chisholm Seconded by J. Gignac

BE IT RESOLVED THAT	That the Windsor Police Service Board approve the request from the
	University of Windsor for a donation in the amount of \$500.00 for the
	Windsor Police Service Criminology Award for the 2024-2025 academic
	year.

- CARRIED

11.3 Windsor Police Service Board Procedural By-Law

A Member notes that the Conflict of Interest provisions (as contained in Appendix "A" – Ontario Regulation 408/23 made under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 – Code of Conduct for Police Service Board Members – Application and Interpretation (2) "personal relationship") go further than anything he has seen before. Another Member indicates his comfort with the provisions in that section of the regulation.

Moved by J. Gignac

Seconded by S. Chisholm

BE IT RESOLVED THAT	The Windsor Police Service Board enact By-Law Number 01-2024 – A By-Law to Provide Rules
	Governing the Proceedings of the Windsor
	Police Service Board.

CARRIED

12. Adjournment

Moved by J. Gignac

Seconded by J. Elliott

The Public Meeting of the Windsor Police Service Board adjourn at 2:13 p.m.

CARRIED

Date of Next Meeting; Thursday, August 22, 2024, at 1:45 p.m.

NORMA COLEMAN

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR

APPROVED THIS 29th DAY OF AUGUST 2024

DREW DILKENS, CHAIR

WINDSOR POLICE SERVICE BOARD