



MINUTES
THAMES CENTRE POLICE SERVICES BOARD
OCTOBER 11, 2023
4:00 P.M., IN-PERSON MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: J. Maudsley, Chair/Community Representative
N. Irving, Vice-Chair/Provincial Representative
M. Smibert, Member/Council Representative
D. Lockie, Member/Council Representative
J. Nethercott, Recording Secretary/Administrator
D. Barrick, Chief Administrative Officer

ALSO PRESENT: Ross Stuart, Detachment Commander
Pete Liptrott, Superintendent for West Region

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

1. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

No pecuniary interests were disclosed at this time.

2. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

(a) **May 17 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes.**

Moved by: M. Smibert
Seconded by: N. Irving
(Resolution #PSB-17-2023)

THAT the Minutes of the May 17, 2023, meeting be approved as presented.

Carried.

3. **REPORTS**

(a) **Verbal Introduction, Superintendent Pete Liptrott from West Region Headquarters**

Detachment Commander Stuart introduced Superintendent P. Liptrott. Superintendent Liptrott provided an overview of his role.

Superintendent Liptrott provided a verbal report on Bail Compliance and the working being done with West Region.

(b) Middlesex OPP, re Thames Centre Police Services Board Report May – September 2023, Detachment Commander, Ross Stuart

Commander Stuart reviewed the report for West Region from May to September 2023. The report consisted of:

- Calls for Service
 - Number of calls
 - Violent Crime
 - Property Crimes
 - Drug Related Crimes

- Detachment Initiatives
 - R.I.D.E program
 - Anti-Fraud Seminars for Seniors

- Personnel Update

Commander Stuart also reported the Detachment has seen good success with communication with CAO Barrick, which has resulted in resolutions of issues that have been raised by the community.

Commander Stuart reported that structure was finalized on September 17, 2023 for the new Police Service Board under the new Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (not yet proclaimed).

Moved by: N. Irving
Seconded by: M. Smibert
(Resolution #PSB-18-2023)

THAT the report from Detachment Commander Stuart and the Verbal report from Superintendent Liptrott be received.

Carried.

(c) Verbal Update, 2023 OAPSB Spring Conference May 30 – June 1, Niagara Falls

Committee Member N. Irving and Chair Maudsley provided a brief update of the Conference.

Moved by: M. Smibert
Seconded by: D. Lockie
(Resolution #PSB-19-2023)

THAT the verbal report on OAPSB Spring Conference be received.

Carried.

Verbal Update, OAPSB Activities – Chair

Chair Maudsley provided a verbal update on his activities involving the OAPSB Zones 4, 5 and 6 since his last report on May 17, 2023.

Moved by: N. Irving
Seconded by: M. Smibert
(Resolution #PSB-20-2023)

THAT the verbal report from Chair Maudsley be received.

Carried.

(d) Report PSB-001-23 – 2024 TCPSB Draft Operating Budget

CAO D. Barrick distributed a revised attachment to the report and provided a review of the updated draft budget numbers.

Discussion was held regarding the draft budget numbers.

Moved by: M. Smibert
Seconded by: N. Irving
(Resolution #PSB-21-2023)

THAT the 2024 Draft Operating Budget for the TCPSB, in the amount of \$23,698.00, as amended, be approved;

AND THAT the 2024 Draft Operating Budget be presented to Council for its consideration during the budget deliberations.

Carried.

4. **OTHER BUSINESS**

(a) **Draft Motion – School Resource Officer**

Moved by: D. Lockie

Seconded by: N. Irving

(Resolution #PSB-22-2023)

WHEREAS the safety and well-being of students and staff within educational institutions are of paramount importance;

WHEREAS school resource officers (SROs) have historically played a vital role in promoting a safe and secure learning environment;

WHEREAS the removal of the School Resource Officer Program in schools in Ontario has resulted in increased concerns regarding safety and the overall well-being of students in many communities;

WHEREAS the School Resource Officer Program is designed to foster positive relationships between law enforcement officials, students, and the school community;

WHEREAS SROs receive specialized training to effectively address issues such as drug abuse, violence prevention, bullying, and other security concerns that may arise in educational settings;

WHEREAS the presence of SROs serves as a deterrent to potential criminal activity within schools, ensuring the protection of students and staff members;

WHEREAS SROs serve as mentors, role models, and provide educational opportunities for students, promoting positive values and personal growth;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Thames Centre Police Services Board, support the reinstatement of the School Resource Officer Program in schools throughout Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT that the reinstatement of the School Resource Officer Program prioritizes the principles of equity, inclusivity, and cultural sensitivity to ensure that all students feel safe, respected, and supported;

AND FURTHER THAT The Thames Centre Police Services Board, firmly believe that the reinstatement of the School Resource Officer Program will contribute significantly to the safety, security, and overall well-being of students, staff, and the broader school community in Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to, Premier of Ontario, Minister of Education, Solicitor General, Elgin-Middlesex-London MPP Rob Flack, Elgin-Middlesex-London, MP Karen Vecchio

Carried.

(b) Housekeeping item – Attendance at Conferences/Conventions, Seminars, Workshops and Meetings Policy – Secretary

Moved by: M. Smibert
Seconded by: N. Irving
(Resolution #PSB-23-2023)

THAT Police Services Board (PSB) Members be permitted to utilize remaining allowances not used by other PSB members in accordance with the Attendance at Conferences/Conventions, Seminars, Workshops and Meetings Policy

Carried.

(c) OPP Contract Renewal Extension (see correspondence attached)

Moved by: D. Lockie
Seconded by: M. Smibert
(Resolution #PSB-24-2023)

THAT the correspondence received from the OPP Municipal Policing Bureau dated August 23, 2023, be received and filed, noting that a presentation to Council will be provided on November 14, 2023.

Carried.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

a) 2024 OPP Annual Billing Statement

b) OAPSB Zone 6 Notice of Meeting – November 30, 2023

Moved by: M. Smibert
Seconded by: D. Lockie
(Resolution #PSB-25-2023)

THAT correspondence item 5 a) & b) be received for information.

Carried.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

7. **SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS**

Moved by: M. Smibert
Seconded by: D. Lockie
(Resolution #PSB-26-2023)

THAT the following schedule of meeting dates for the Thames Centre Police Services Board (TCPSB) for the 2024 calendar year be approved:

1st Meeting to be established in February, 2024 at a later date

Wednesday, May 22, 2024 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 18, 2024 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 20, 2024 4:00 p.m.

noting that such dates and times may be subject to change;

AND THAT the Secretary/Administrator be requested to publish the 2024 meeting dates on the municipal website.

Carried.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: MS
Seconded by: NI
(Resolution #PSB-27-2023)

THAT the meeting adjourn at 5:40 p.m.

Carried.

Chair, J. Maudsley

Secretary, J. Nethercott