

**HANOVER POLICE SERVICES BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
Monday, July 20, 2020
By Videoconference**

Present: Chair Don Smith
Vice-Chair Rick Hopkins
Police Services Board Member Mike Dunlop
Police Services Board Member Sue Paterson

Chief Chris Knoll
Secretary Catherine McKay

Absent: Police Services Board Member Selwyn Hicks

No conflict or pecuniary interest declared

OPENING OF MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9:33 a.m.. Vice-Chair Rick Hopkins participated by telephone until he was able to connect to the videoconference at 9:50 a.m..

AGENDA

Motion # 2020-005-048

Moved by: M. Dunlop

Seconded by: S. Paterson

That the agenda for July 20, 2020 be accepted as circulated.

Carried

Motion # 2020-005-049

Moved by: S. Paterson

Seconded by: R. Hopkins

That the Board deviate from the Agenda for July 20, 2020 if required.

Carried

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 15, 2020 MEETING

Motion # 2020-005-050

Moved by: S. Paterson

Seconded by: R. Hopkins

That the Minutes of the June 15, 2020 meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

BUSINESS FROM MINUTES

A. Amount for Benefits in the Accounts

The Chief explained that benefits are not usually paid for by cheque and the Cheque Register shows only amounts paid by cheque. Because benefits and the retirees' portion are charged through the payroll system, they do not appear on the Cheque Register.

ACCOUNTS

A. Year-to-Date Balance Sheet & Revenue & Expenses

Motion # 2020-005-051

Moved by: M. Dunlop

Seconded by: R. Hopkins

That the Board accept the year-to-date budget and the balance sheet for the period ending July 8, 2020, as presented.

Carried

B. June 2020 Accounts

Motion # 2020-005-052

Moved by: R. Hopkins

Seconded by: M. Dunlop

That the Board approve payment of accounts dated June 2020 in the amount of \$ 71,595.22.

Carried

These minutes are considered to be in draft form until signed by the Chair and the Secretary.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Letter to Mayor and Council Re Surplus
- B. OAPSB re OPP Detachment Board Composition
- C. Interim Guidance on Pascal Decision
- D. 2020/2021 Constable Joe MacDonald Public Safety Officers' Survivors Scholarship Fund (CJMPSOSSF) Call for Applications
- E. Enforcement of the Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act
- F. Firearms Reference Table (FRT)
- G. Suspension of Existing Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG 9-1-1) Deadlines Due to COVID-19
- H. Availability of Centre of Forensic Sciences Experts for Remote Testimony
- I. GPS Monitoring for Bail Releases
- J. Survey of Police Services – Mental Health-Related Demands and Police Response in Ontario
- K. Electronic Sudden Death Police Reports and Coroner Investigation Reports
- L. Special Investigations Unit Act In-force Date
- M. Anti-Human Trafficking Community Supports Fund and Indigenous-led Initiatives Fund
- N. Service of Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) Summonses

Motion # 2020-005-053**Moved by:** S. Paterson**Seconded by:** M. Dunlop

That the Board accept the correspondence and actions required.

Carried

With respect to item B, the Chair noted with interest the direction of the Ministry of the Solicitor General with respect to Police Services Board appointments.

With respect to item J, the Chief confirmed that the Service is working on the response to the survey which is to be submitted by July 21, 2020, and noted that significant police resources are used on mental health issues.

NEW BUSINESS**A. Communication with West Grey Police Services Board**

The Chair informed the Board that he had received a call from Geoffrey Shea, Vice-Chair of the West Grey Police Services Board, inquiring about the Hanover Police Services Board's strategic planning process. The Chair described the Board's process, including public involvement, and explained that a final draft has been prepared but not yet finalized due to COVID-19. The Chair committed to providing a copy of the plan once it is complete.

B. Town of Hanover Emergency Services Facilities Options

Board Members requested clarification as to the role of the Police Chief compared to that of the Fire Chief with respect to the committee to investigate the preliminary feasibility of renovating current fire and police facilities versus constructing a new multi-purpose emergency services facility. The Mayor committed to take back to Hanover Town Council the Board's concerns regarding the role of the Police Chief.

The Chair and other Board Members noted that the committee has a tight timeline within which to complete a substantial amount of work which in such a project would normally include conducting interviews, doing research and other background work. Board Members expressed concern as to whether there will be sufficient resources to conduct this work, given that the members of the committee will be volunteers. It was also noted that the committee in fact has less than one year to complete its work as the final report is due May 31, 2021, and a draft would have to be completed before that date.

The Board discussed the role of EMS, and since it would be a tenant in any new facility, it needs to be involved in the process and consulted as to what their needs are.

Chief Knoll reminded the Board that under the Police Services Act it is the responsibility of the Town to provide an adequate facility for the police service.

Motion # 2020-005-054**Moved by:** R. Hopkins**Seconded by:** M. Dunlop

That the Hanover Police Services Board appoint Don Smith as its representative on the Town of Hanover's committee to investigate the preliminary feasibility of renovating current fire and police facilities versus constructing a new multi-purpose emergency services facility.

Carried**Motion # 2020-005-055****Moved by:** R. Hopkins**Seconded by:** M. Dunlop

That Police Chief Knoll be invited to participate in the Town of Hanover's committee to investigate the preliminary feasibility of renovating current fire and police facilities versus constructing a new multi-purpose emergency services facility with the same status as the Fire Chief.

Carried

The Chair agreed to send an email to the Town of Hanover's C.A.O. advising of the above motions and strongly suggesting that the Chief of Police be included as a member of the committee with the same role as the Fire Chief.

C. Photo Radar

The Mayor informed the Board that this issue had been raised by a member of Hanover Town Council. The Chief explained that by law, photo radar can only be installed in an officially designated School Zone or Community Safety Zone. He noted that the only areas in the Town of Hanover with sufficient traffic volume to justify the cost of photo radar are 10th Street and 7th Avenue, which are under the jurisdiction of the County of Grey and so the Town would have to engage with the County on the issue. Further, the volume of speeds does not justify photo radar, as out of 250,000 vehicles passing by the town's existing speed signs, only 25% are over 50 km/h., compared to Highway 6 near Tobermory, for example, where speeds can be 50 km/h. over the limit.

The Mayor advised the Board that in a refresh of the Town's strategic plan, a survey was conducted which included a question about lowering the speed limit on Town streets from 50 km/h to 40 km/h, but almost everyone was opposed to this.

The Chief added that new lawn signs urging motorists to reduce their speed will be put up in the next few weeks, and the Chair noted that photo radar is not generally popular with the public, and the Hanover Police Service is using the many tools at its disposal to address speeding.

D. Strategic Business Plan

The Board deviated from the agenda to address the issue of its Business Plan, with the Chair noting that a final draft had been distributed earlier in the year, but consideration of it had been delayed by COVID-19. The Board agreed that its August meeting should be devoted to considering the plan with a view to approving it and forwarding it to Hanover Town Council. The Secretary will recirculate the draft to Board Members.

CHIEF'S REPORT & OPERATIONAL REPORT

The Chief presented the Operational Report, noting that no R.I.D.E. programs have been conducted during the COVID-19 pandemic to maintain social distancing. The Service continues to arrest impaired drivers and will resume R.I.D.E. programs in September.

The Chief noted that the Service plans to set up its own web site.

Board Member Mike Dunlop referred to the efficiencies listed in the Chief's Report in light of the recent public interest in defunding police, and suggested a proactive approach whereby the amount of the savings be calculated. The Chief agreed to request this information from the Town of Hanover's Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer and forward it to the Board.

The Mayor clarified that Hanover Town Council does not receive the Chief's Reports that are submitted to the Board, although she and Board Member Selwyn Hicks brief Council on policing issues, highlighting points from Board minutes and the Chief's reports. It was suggested that it may be beneficial for Council to have more information about police issues.

The Chief briefed the Board on issues arising from the Medical Officer of Health's order regarding the wearing of masks, noting that some problems can be expected and that businesses can make policies regarding the wearing of masks in their establishments.

Motion # 2020-005-056**Moved by:** S. Paterson**Seconded by:** M. Dunlop

That the Board accept the Chief's report for the period June 12 to July 15, 2020, including the Operational Report for the first two quarters of 2020, as presented.

Carried**IN-CAMERA SESSION**

There were no items requiring an In-Camera Session to discuss matters falling under section 35 (4) (a) or (b) of the Police Services Act.

ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING**Motion # 2020-005-057****Moved by:** R. Hopkins**Seconded by:** M. Dunlop

That the Board adjourn at 11:09 a.m. to meet again on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 9:30 a.m., via videoconference, or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

Chair

Secretary