

Pembroke Upper Ottawa Valley OPP Detachment Board Meeting

City Hall, Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
May 8, 2024
4:00 p.m.

Present:

Ron Gervais, Mayor
Dezai Bair-Patel
Patricia Lafreniere, Councillor
Christine Reavie
Michael St Jean

Also Present:

Inspector Stephan Neufeld, OPP, via Zoom
Acting Staff Sergeant Sarah Darraugh, OPP
Brian Lewis, Director of Operations
Heidi Martin, Recording Secretary

1. Oath of Office/Code of Conduct

All members of the Pembroke, Upper Ottawa Valley OPP Detachment Board completed an Oath of Office and signed a declaration that they read and understood the Code of Conduct under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019.

2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

The Secretary of the Pembroke Police Service Board called for nominations for the position of Chair for 2024. Ron Gervais was nominated and there were no further nominations.

Motion:

Moved by Christine Reavie
Seconded by Councillor Pat Lafreniere
That Ron Gervais be appointed to the position of Chair of the Pembroke Police Service Board for the year 2024.

Carried

The Secretary of the Pembroke Police Service Board called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair for 2024. Dezai Bair-Patel was nominated and there were no further nominations.

Motion:

Moved by Pat Lafreniere
Seconded by Christine Reavie
That Dezai Bair-Patel be appointed to the position of Vice Chair of the Pembroke Police Services Board for the year 2024.

Carried

Mayor Ron Gervais assumed the Chair.

3. Land Acknowledgement

4. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

6. Approval of Agenda

Motion:

Moved by Christine Reavie

Seconded by Dezai Bair-Patel

That the agenda of the Pembroke Upper Ottawa Valley OPP Detachment Board meeting of May 8, 2024, be approved.

Carried

7. Approval of Minutes

- January 17, 2024

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Pat Lafreniere

Seconded by Christine Reavie

That the minutes of the Pembroke Police Services Board meeting of January 17, 2024, be approved as circulated.

Carried

8. Business Arising from the Minutes

a. Fortification By-law

The Chair indicated that staff are researching and working on a draft fortification By-law which will be brought forward at a future meeting.

b. Let's Remember Adam Campaign

The Chair reviewed the report, and a discussion was held.

Motion:

Moved by Dez Bair-Patel

Seconded by Councillor Pat Lafreniere

That the Pembroke Upper Ottawa Valley OPP Detachment Board approve participating in the Let's Remember Adam Campaign and directs staff to work with staff in the Parks and Recreation Department to see if the message could be posted on the digital sign at the PMC.

Carried

Mr. St. Jean entered the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

c. PBI A Downtown Pumpkin Treats Event

Michael St. Jean indicated that he was unable to meeting with PBI A representatives and asked that this item be brought forward to the next meeting.

d. Rotary Park area concerns

Mr. Lewis circulated his report and reviewed it. A discussion was held.

9. OPP Report

- Quarterly Report (January – March 2024)

Inspector Neufeld provided an update and noted that the year-to-date billing summary is similar to the previous year but with a slight increase year-to-date of Weighted Hours. He reviewed the report and highlighted areas of change and the possible reasons for the change in calls for service. He indicated that there has been a spike in mental health calls for service which has resulted in a significant response and due to ongoing issues in the community. The OPP are working with the County of Renfrew paramedics and are continuing with foot patrols with increased police presence in the more problematic areas. There were no public complaints or requests for secondary employment during this quarter. He provided an update on the Collision Reporting Centre and a recent meeting held with the City's By-law Enforcement Services. He thanked Mr. Fred Blackstein and the City for the great day held on May 1st with the dedication of First Responders Way and he confirmed that the Golden Helmets will be in Pembroke on September 21st.

10. New Business

a. School Zone Safety

Mr. Lewis circulated and presented his report. A discussion was held, and it was suggested that the Board include pedestrian safety in its monthly PSAs.

b. Operations Department Update

Mr. Lewis provided a verbal update of items the Operations Department is currently working on.

c. Email Concern – Mary Street/Trafalgar Road Intersection

The Chair reviewed the report. It was noted that an OPP Directed Patrol was initiated in the area over 3 days which resulted in zero violations.

d. Pembroke Community Expo

The Chair reviewed the report.

Direction:

Staff was requested to gather the required material and set up the table at the Pembroke Community Expo.

Mr. Lewis left the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

e. "Lock It or Lose It" Street Banner

The Chair reviewed the report. A discussion was held, and it was noted that perhaps a new banner be purchased related to Pedestrian Safety.

Direction:

That staff proceed with the purchase of a new Pedestrian Safety Street Banner.

f. County of Renfrew Paramedic Service – The Mental Health, Addictions and Homelessness Health Hub Response Partnership

The Chair referred members to the information report and attachment.

g. mesa – A collaborative approach to compassionate care – County of Renfrew Paramedic Service, Community Services, Development and Property
The Chair referred to the report and its attachment.

h. Email - Response Protocol to Address Addiction, Mental Health and Homelessness Concerns and Emergencies
The Chair reviewed the report and its attachments. A discussion was held, and it was noted that community education is required however this Board is not the subject expert on this matter.

i. Email – Foot Patrols March 28, 2024
The Chair reviewed the report. A discussion was held, and it was noted that there is an increased presence, including foot patrols in the downtown and problematic areas of the City. Detective Richie Downing was present at the meeting and indicated that the current cameras in the downtown area are approximately 6 years old and stated that there are drawbacks with the older technology. He stated that newer technology would be helpful. He also indicated that all existing security cameras that the OPP are aware of are registered with CAMSafe.

j. Livestreaming of Police Service Board Meetings
The Chair reviewed the report, and a discussion was held.
Motion:
Moved by Dezai Bair-Patel
Seconded by Michael St. Jean
That staff arrange the livestreaming to the City's YouTube site directly from zoom for future Board meetings.
Carried

k. Police Service Board Name Change
The Chair reviewed the report, and a discussion was held.
Motion:
Moved by Christine Reavie
Seconded by Councillor Pat Lafreniere
That the Pembroke Police Service Board change its name in keeping with the *Community Safety and Policing Act*, to the Pembroke Upper Ottawa Valley OPP Detachment Board.
Carried

l. Police Service Board Terms of Reference
The Chair reviewed the report.
Motion:
Moved by Christine Reavie
Seconded by Councillor Pat Lafreniere
That the Pembroke Upper Ottawa Valley OPP Detachment Board accept the new Board Terms of Reference as amended.
Carried

9. Correspondence

- a. *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* & Billing, OPP Superintendent Phil Whitton, Municipal Policing Bureau Commander

Correspondence was circulated from the OPP Municipal Policing Bureau regarding the OPP 2024 annual billing statements and that under the *Community Safety and Policing Act* the City of Pembroke will be subject to Regulation 413/23 which preserves the cost-recovery methodologies currently in effect.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 31, 2024, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

11. Motion to Adjourn

Motion:

Moved by Dezai Bair-Patel

Seconded by Christine Reavie

That the April 16, 2024, Pembroke Upper Ottawa Valley OPP Detachment Board meeting adjourn at 5:22 p.m.

Carried

Chair

Recording Secretary