



PUBLIC Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday September 15, 2022

Time: 2:45 pm

Location: Zoom Video Conference

PRESENT:

Councillor Rino Bortolin

Mr. Robert de Verteuil

Ms. Denise Ghanam

Mayor Aldo DiCarlo, Vice Chair

Mayor Drew Dilkens, Chair

A/ Chief Jason Bellaire

Deputy Chief Frank Providenti

A/ Deputy Jason Crowley

Dave Tilley, SOLGEN

REGRETS:

RECORDER: Sarah Sabihuddin, Administrative Director

1. Call to Order

The Chair, Mayor Dilkens, called the meeting to order at 2:45 pm

2. Declarations of Conflict & Pecuniary Interest by Members

None

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved: Mayor, Aldo DiCarlo; Seconded Councillor Rino Bortolin. Carried.

4. Approval of Minutes – In Camera July 7 2022

Moved: Councillor Rino Bortolin; Seconded Denise Ghanam. Carried.

5. Business Arriving from the Minutes

None

6. Delegations

Lifesaving Award - Sgt Todd Pearce

Don Denne, St. John Ambulance presented Sergeant Todd Pearce with a St. John Ambulance life-saving award for his heroic actions in saving a person's life.

On July 16, 2021, Sgt. Pearce was off-duty and having dinner at a local restaurant when he noticed an elderly patron in medical distress. He immediately rushed to the person, and after confirming they had no vital signs, began to perform CPR. When a bystander brought a defibrillator to the scene, Sgt.

Pearce used the machine to successfully re-establish the person's vitals. The patron was subsequently transported to hospital and has since made a full recovery.

7. General Reports

- 7.1. Professional Standards Branch – July & August
- 7.2. Crime Stoppers – July & August
- 7.3. Crime Statistics – July & August
- 7.4. MCRRT Statistics and Referral Tracking - July & August
- 7.5. All Chief Memos – July & August

Councillor Bortolin: We do the referral tracking for the services that we refer to but are we tracking the gaps or interactions with people who didn't lead to referrals? 42 seems low for a total. Do we know where the gaps are in levels of service?

A/ Chief Bellaire: The WPS is doing a lot of the work other agencies should be doing. I have been meeting with partners to get to a point where we can off load some of the work into the places.

Councillor Bortolin: The WPS biggest referrals are to the mission and the hospital. Are we able to quantify how much time we are spending at these two locations?

Chair, Mayor Dilkens: to Councillor's point – in 2017/2018 I asked Chief Fredrick - what do you need at this time? He indicated 12-24 officers to fix the problem. You and I have these discussions frequently A/ Chief Bellaire. When I asked you what you need you didn't say more officers you said that you need a place/ a location to bring these people so the officers we do have can get back on the road.

A/Chief Bellaire: There is an unfair burden being put on the WPS and it's now a capacity issue. While I would like to provide relief to our staff, what would allow for compelling change in our community would be to have a place for us to take individuals to receive services and then move our efforts back into policing. If we have no one to bring people we have end up back in the cycle.

Moved: Councillor Rino Bortolin; Seconded Denise Ghanam. Carried.

8. Policy Items

- 8.1. Board Policy: Electronic Monitoring Policy

Moved: Mayor DiCarlo; Seconded Denise Ghanam. Carried.

9. Financial Matters

- 9.1. Funding Request - Annual Exemplary Service Awards Banquet

Moved: Councillor Bortolin. Seconded Denise Ghanam. Carried.

10. Human Resources

- 10.1. Monthly HR Report – July & August

Moved: Mayor DiCarlo; Seconded Robert de Verteuil. Carried.

11. Communications

- 11.1. Canada Day - Thank you

Moved: Councillor Bortolin. Seconded Denise Ghanam. Carried.

12. New Business

12.1. Chief Update: Downtown Windsor

A/ Chief Bellaire spoke to the reports of higher levels of incidents of violence recently in the downtown core. Provided summary of events that occurred in September and spoke of the community focused approach that is being utilized. Highlighted the community partnerships and the ongoing, proactive outreach. Notes that these recent incidences are, when compared to the 10 year trend, lower than average.

Councillor Bortolin: Thank you. Especially on behalf of residents and business owners in the area due to increased presence. This is a situation that police have been forced to deal with and these are not police issues.

Moved: Mayor DiCarlo. Seconded Denise Ghanam. Carried

12.2. Request for Extension- Motor Vehicle Towing and Storage Contract for the City of Windsor

Moved: Councillor Bortolin. Seconded Denise Ghanam. Carried

12.3. Notification of the 2023-2026 Strategic Planning Process

Councillor Bortolin: I wanted to thank the executive for how much more outreach is happening. It is much appreciated.

Denise Ghanam: I did like the outreach. I note that there is not mention to aboriginal groups, black community groups or other racialized groups.

Brendan Dodd: That is not an exhaustive list of all consultations taking place. We will be working and finalizing the list further and will ensure we include groups of this nature.

Moved: Councillor Bortolin. Seconded Denise Ghanam. Carried

12.4. WPS Board 2023 Meeting Schedule

Moved: Councillor Bortolin. Seconded Denise Ghanam. Carried

13. Adjournment

14.1. Next Meeting November 3, 2022

There is no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:18 PM

Moved by Denise Ghanam, seconded by Robert de Verteuil to adjourn meeting. Carried.


SARAH SABIHUDDIN
ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR

APPROVED THIS 3 DAY OF NOVEMBER 2022.



MAYOR DREW DILKENS, CHAIR
WINDSOR POLICE SERVICES BOARD