



The Regional Municipality of York Police Service Board

Minutes of the Public Meeting

Subject to Board Approval

Wednesday, October 30, 2024
Electronic and In-Person Meeting

Board Members: W. Emmerson, Chair, S. Pellegrini, Vice Chair, W. Perchal, N. McCullough, M. Cortellucci, L. Jackson, M. Bodenstein

Staff: A. Basant Sisavang, Executive Director, J. Kogan, Board Manager, R. Kelly, Policy Analyst, M. Ryan, Administrative Assistant, J. MacSween, Chief of Police, A. Almeida, Deputy Chief of Police, P. Da Silva, Deputy Chief of Police, C. Hammond, Deputy Chief of Police, K. McCloskey, Deputy Chief of Police, C. Dawson, Superintendent, Executive Officer to the Chief of Police, J. Channell, Executive Director, Financial Services and Administration, J. Fraser, General Counsel, Legal Services, V. Aguiar, Executive Director, People, Wellness and Talent, T. Dinelle, Director, Marketing and Corporate Communications, D. Kuzmyk, Regional Solicitor and General Counsel

1. Call to Order

The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

The Board Chair made the following remarks:

“On behalf of the Board, we acknowledge that York Region is located on the traditional territory of many Indigenous peoples including the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Huron-Wendat and Métis peoples and the treaty territories of the Haudenosaunee, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and Williams Treaties First Nations.

Today this area is home to many diverse Indigenous Peoples, and we recognize their history, spirituality, culture and stewardship of this land. We also acknowledge the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation as our closest First Nation community.”

3. Disclosure of Interest

None

4. Confirmation of Public Minutes of September 25, 2024, Board Meeting

Moved By Mr. Perchal

Seconded By Mrs. McCullough

That the Board confirm the minutes for the public session of the meeting held on September 25, 2024, in the form supplied to the members.

Carried

5. Presentations

None

6. Deputations

None

7. Communications

None

8. Consideration and Adoption of Reports

8.1 Aviva Insurance Company of Canada Vehicle Lease Donation

Moved By Mr. Cortellucci

Seconded By Vice Chair Pellegrini

That the Board adopt the following recommendation contained in the Report of the Chief of Police:

1. That the Board approve the in-kind donation of the lease of a 2022 Lexus GX 460 vehicle from the Aviva Insurance Company of Canada pursuant to the Police Service Board's Donation and Sponsorship Policy No. 02/01.

Carried

8.2 Proposal for Use of Public Relations Reserve Funds

Moved By Regional Councillor Jackson

Seconded By Ms. Bodenstein

That the Board adopt the following recommendation contained in the Report of the Chief of Police:

1. That the Board approve a disbursement from the Public Relations Fund for the upcoming Region in Rhythm event being hosted jointly by The Regional Municipality of York and York Regional Police on November 7, 2024, in support of the United Way Greater Toronto.

Carried

8.3 2025 Schedule for Regular Meetings of the Board - Report of the Executive Director

Moved By Mr. Cortellucci

Seconded By Vice Chair Pellegrini

That the Board adopt the following recommendation contained in the Report of the Executive Director:

1. That the Board approve the proposed 2025 schedule for regular meetings of the York Regional Police Service Board and Board training and education sessions attached as Appendix A.

Carried

8.4 Public Relations Reserve Fund – Request for Funding - Report of the Executive Director

Moved By Mr. Cortellucci

Seconded By Vice Chair Pellegrini

That the Board adopt the following recommendation contained in the Report of the Executive Director:

1. That the Board approve the following disbursement from the Board's Public Relations Fund, as detailed in this report:
 - a. \$5,000 to the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards for the 2024 Labour Conference.

Carried

8.5 Delegation of Authority Report– April 2024 to September 2024 - Report of the Executive Director

Moved By Mr. Cortellucci

Seconded By Vice Chair Pellegrini

That the Board receive the following recommendation contained in the Report of the Executive Director:

1. That the Board receive this report pursuant to the Human Resources Committee [Bylaw 03-24](#) and [Delegation Bylaw No. 12-19](#).

Carried

8.6 Donation of Confiscated Clothing Items

Moved By Vice Chair Pellegrini

Seconded By Mr. Perchal

That the Board adopt the following recommendation contained in the Report of the Chief of Police:

1. That the Board approve a one-time donation of 300 confiscated clothing items to chosen charities within York Region.

Carried

8.7 2023 Crime Severity Index and Weighted Clearance Rate Overview

*Refer to staff for advocacy

Moved By Ms. Bodenstein

Seconded By Mr. Cortellucci

That the Board receive the following recommendation contained in the Report of the Chief of Police:

1. That the Board receive this annual report for information.

Carried

9. Unfinished Business

None

10. Other Business

10.1 York Regional Police IACP Award

York Regional Police (YRP) accepted the prestigious **Leadership in the Prevention of Vehicle Crimes Award** presented by the International Association of Chiefs of Police at its annual conference held in Boston, Massachusetts, on October 21, 2024. Sponsored by General Motors and OnStar, this award honours exceptional achievement in vehicle theft prevention and highlights the link between vehicular crime and subsequent violent offences. YRP significantly reduced auto thefts within the Region, achieving a 31 percent decrease year-over-year from 2023 to 2024. This success is primarily due to the launch of Autoguard 2.0, which employs a comprehensive approach that includes enforcement, active community engagement and proven crime prevention strategies.

Moved By Vice Chair Pellegrini

Seconded By Mrs. McCullough

That the verbal update from the Chief of Police be received.

Carried

10.2 Upcoming Events

10.3 Briefing on Prime Minister Visit (October 25)

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau visited the York Regional Police (YRP) Auto Cargo Unit on October 25, 2024, to meet with investigators to discuss the challenges of auto theft in our community, and efforts around the protection of vehicles, and the creation of a national vehicle identification number registry. YRP is working consistently to combat auto theft in the Region through ongoing efforts, including initiatives like Auto Guard 2.0 and a range of comprehensive, multi-faceted strategies.

10.4 York Regional Police Officers honoured by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) York Region

Three York Regional Police officers were honoured by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) York Region for their ongoing efforts in fighting impaired driving. Two officers received the Sarah Riddell Officer of the Year Award at the MADD York Region annual awards ceremony on October 23, 2024. The award is named after the former YRP Road Safety Bureau Staff Sergeant Sarah Riddell – now a Superintendent.

This award recognizes outstanding efforts to reduce impaired driving in York Region and exceptional enforcement of impaired operation by means of arrests, charges, convictions, breath tests and drug recognition evaluation. The third officer was the recipient of the MADD Special Recognition Award for going above and beyond to stop impaired driving.

MADD York Region’s mission is to stop impaired driving and support the victims of this violent crime.

Moved By Mr. Perchal

Seconded By Mrs. McCullough

That the verbal update from the Chief of Police be received.

Carried

10.5 Donation to Holiday Heroes

Regional Councillor Jackson advised her intention for the Board to support Holiday Heroes in the amount of \$20,000.

Moved By Regional Councillor Jackson
Seconded By Mrs. McCullough

1. That the matter be referred to staff and brought back as a Board report at the November 27th Board meeting.

Carried

11. Private Meeting

Moved By Mr. Cortellucci
Seconded By Vice Chair Pellegrini

That the Board convene in Private Session for the purpose of considering confidential items pertaining to legal and personnel matters in accordance with section 44(2) of the *Community Safety and Policing Act*.

The Board met in Private Session at 10:19 a.m. and reconvened in the Public Session at 11:13 a.m.

Carried

12. Consideration of Motion to reconvene in Public Meeting

Moved By Regional Councillor Jackson
Seconded By Mrs. McCullough

That the Board rise and report from the Private Session.

Carried

13. Consideration of Private Items

Moved By Mr. Perchal
Seconded By Ms. Bodenstein

That the Board adopt the following recommendations contained in the Reports of the Chief of Police:

People, Wellness and Talent

1. That the Board confirms the hiring of 2 civilian members of the police service, pursuant to section 37(1)(b) of the *Community Safety and Policing Act*;
2. That the Board reclassify one officer pursuant to the 2021 Uniform Working Agreement.

Appointment of New Uniform Hires

1. That the Board approve the appointment of 35 new police cadets who will commence Level I training effective November 12, 2024, and one new police cadet who will commence Level III training effective December 13, 2024, pursuant to Section 90(1) of the *Community Safety and Policing Act*.

Carried

14. Confirmatory Bylaw

The Board had before it Bylaw No. 15-24. The Bylaw is necessary to confirm the proceedings of the Board at this meeting.

Moved By Mrs. McCullough

Seconded By Mr. Cortellucci

That Bylaw No. 15-24, being “a Bylaw confirming the proceedings of the Board at this meeting,” be read and enacted.

Bylaw No. 15-24 was read and enacted as follows:

“To confirm the proceedings of the Board at this meeting.”

Carried

15. Adjournment

Moved By Vice Chair Pellegrini

Seconded By Regional Councillor Jackson

That the meeting be adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Anitra Basant Sisavang

Executive Director

Regional Chair Wayne Emmerson

Chair

Minutes to be confirmed and adopted at the next regular meeting of the Board to be held on November 27, 2024.

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Carried