



The Regional Municipality of York Police Service Board

Minutes of the Public Meeting

Subject to Board Approval

Wednesday, March 27, 2024
Electronic and In-Person Meeting

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

Staff: A. Basant Sisavang, Executive Director, J. Kogan, Administrative Assistant, R. Kelly, Policy Analyst, 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, J. Channell, Executive Director, Financial Services and Administration, C. Valente, Senior Counsel, Legal Services, V. Aguiar, Director, People, Wellness and Talent, V. Choe, Senior Associate Counsel, York Region Legal Services

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. New Board Oath for the Appointment of Police Services Board Members under the CSPA

Administration of the new Oath of Office was administered to all Board members in attendance at the meeting by Victoria Choe, Senior Associate Counsel, York Region.

4. Disclosure of Interest

None

5. Confirmation of Public Minutes of February 21, 2024 Board Meeting

Moved By Vice Chair Pellegrini

Seconded By Mrs. McCullough

That the Board confirm the minutes for the public session of the meeting held on February 21, 2024, in the form supplied to the members.

Carried

6. Deputations (Subject to the Board granting Deputant status.)

6.1 Retail Theft and Organized Crime

Moved by, Ms. Bodenstein

Seconded by, Mr. Cortellucci

That deputant status be granted to Cheryl Fougere, Rogers Communications.

Moved By Ms. Bodenstein

Seconded By Mr. Cortellucci

That the Board receive the Deputation from Cheryl Fougere, Rogers Communications and that Deputy Chief Almeida's contact information be provided and the matter be referred to the Chief of Police for further action.

Carried

7. Presentations

7.1 2023 Annual Use of Force Report - Chief of Police

Superintendent James and Staff Sergeant McCue presented the 2023 annual use of force report to the Board. In 2023, York Regional Police (YRP) began working collaboratively with the Ontario Police College and the Ministry of the Solicitor General to improve data validation procedures and increase transparency to YRP's application of force. This unique partnership allows YRP to access the organization's use of force data directly from the Ministry following its review and verification processes. YRP is in phase three of its multi-year Anti-

Racism strategy, piloting in-class sessions addressing racism in policing. YRP will continue with its Indigenous awareness training, which will be provided to all members through online and in-class sessions and support and inform officers of the challenges faced by marginalized members of the community.

In 2023, 429,844 police interactions occurred, exceeding the five-year average. There was a 33.17 percent increase or 265 incidents in 2023, with less than one percent resulting in a use of force report. Four hundred and twenty-one use of force reports were made in 2023. YRP had 215 encounters with armed subjects and 149 encounters with subjects with firearms. The demonstration of use of force incidents is 85.66 percent, with the majority of incidents resulting in the officer de-escalating the situations with the effective demonstration of use of force without discharging a firearm. There was a noticeable decline in injuries sustained by both subjects and officers, with 68 percent fewer officers and 59 percent fewer subjects sustaining injuries as a result of their interactions. This improvement results from enhanced training application of physical control techniques and better training protocols. Use of force incidents remain the lowest in the GTA despite the various increases in interactions and armed subjects.

Moved By Mr. Cortellucci

Seconded By Mr. Perchal

That the Board receive the presentation and Board report, Item No. 9.6 Use of Force Annual Report.

Carried

8. Communications

8.1 Order-in-Council, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, approved and ordered on March 7, 2024, reappointing Walter J. Perchal as a member of the Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board for a one-year term.

Moved By Ms. Bodenstein

Seconded By Mrs. McCullough

That the Board receive the Order-in-Council, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, approved and ordered on March 7, 2024, reappointing Walter J. Perchal as a member of the Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board for a one-year term.

Carried

9. Consideration and Adoption of Reports

9.1 Interim Financial Reporting as of December 31, 2023

Moved By Mr. Cortellucci

Seconded By Ms. Bodenstein

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

1. That the Board receive the quarterly unaudited financial reports for the twelve-month period ending December 31, 2023 for information, pursuant to Financial Management Board Policy No. 01/05.

Carried

9.2 2023-2025 Business Plan Completed Activity Highlights (Year 1)

Moved By Mrs. McCullough

Seconded By Mr. Perchal

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

1. That the Board receive this report for information.

Carried

9.3 Installations on Radio Communication Towers

Moved By Mr. Perchal

Seconded By Vice Chair Pellegrini

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

1. That the Board receive this annual report for information pursuant to the Police Services Board Installation on Radio Communication Towers Policy No. 02/09; and
2. That the Board consider reviewing the Policy No. 02/09 and to adopt or align policy with the Regional Municipality of York - Telecommunications Installations Policy No. 896380, to standardize the terms and conditions, licence classes and licence fees structure for a uniform and consistent tower policy across the Region of York.

Carried

9.4 Missing Persons Act, 2018

Moved By Vice Chair Pellegrini

Seconded By Ms. Bodenstein

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

1. That the Board receive this annual report and forward the attachment, Ontario Solicitor General, Annual Report Template, to the Ministry of the Solicitor General in accordance with *O. Reg. 182/19*.

Carried

9.5 Collection of Identifying Information in Certain Circumstances (Street Checks)

Moved By Vice Chair Pellegrini

Seconded By Ms. Bodenstein

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

1. That the Board receive this annual report pursuant to Board Policy 01/16 Collection of Identifying Information in Certain Circumstances – Prohibition and Duties.

Carried

9.6 Use of Force Annual Report

Moved By Mr. Cortellucci

Seconded By Mr. Perchal

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

1. That the Board receive this report pursuant to Use of Force Board Policy No. 01/14.

Carried

9.7 Report on Donations and Sponsorships

Moved By Vice Chair Pellegrini

Seconded By Ms. Bodenstein

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

1. That the Board receive this report in accordance with the Board's Governance Donations and Sponsorships Policy No. 02/01; and,
2. That the Board approve a 2024 donation equal to or greater than \$10,000 from the attached Appendix "A" totaling \$10,000 in cash donation.

Carried

9.8 Public Relations Reserve Fund Annual Report - Report of the Executive Director

Moved By Vice Chair Pellegrini

Seconded By Ms. Bodenstein

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

1. That the Board receive this report in accordance with its Public Relations Reserve Fund Policy No. 01/23.

Carried

9.9 Establishing Board Committees - Report of the Executive Director

Moved By Vice Chair Pellegrini

Seconded By Ms. Bodenstein

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

1. That the Board adopt and enact Bylaw No. 03-24 A Bylaw to Establish a Human Resources Committee.
2. That the Board adopt and enact Bylaw No. 04-24 A Bylaw to Establish a Finance Committee.
3. That the Board authorize the Executive Director to have prepared bylaws for future committees, in compliance with the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*.

Carried

9.10 Special Constable Complaints Policy - Report of the Executive Director

Moved By Vice Chair Pellegrini

Seconded By Ms. Bodenstein

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

1. That the Board adopt the Special Constable Complaints Policy in Attachment 1.

Carried

10. Introduction and Consideration of Bylaws

Moved By Mr. Cortellucci

Seconded By Ms. Bodenstein

That the Board approve and enact the following bylaws:

Carried

10.1 03-24 - A Bylaw to Establish a Human Resources Committee

10.2 04-24 - A Bylaw to Establish a Finance Committee

11. Unfinished Business

None

12. Other Business

12.1 Upcoming Events

13. Private Meeting

Moved By Mr. Cortellucci

Seconded By Mr. Perchal

That the Board convene in Private Session for the purpose of considering confidential items pertaining to legal and personnel matters in accordance with section 35(4) of the *Police Services Act*.

The Board met in Private Session at 11:00 a.m. and reconvened in the Public Session at 11:55 a.m.

Carried

14. Consideration of Motion to reconvene in Public Meeting

Moved By Mr. Perchal

Seconded By Ms. Bodenstein

That the Board rise and report from the Private Session.

Carried

15. Consideration of Private Items

Moved By Mr. Cortellucci

Seconded By Vice Chair Pellegrini

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

People, Wellness and Talent

1. That the Board appoint one civilian, pursuant to Section 31(1)(a) of the *Police Services Act*;
2. That the Board reclassify three officers pursuant to the 2021 Uniform Working Agreement.

Carried

16. Confirmatory Bylaw

The Board had before it Bylaw No. 05-24. The Bylaw is necessary to confirm the proceedings of the Board at this meeting.

Moved By Mr. Perchal

Seconded By Mr. Cortellucci

That Bylaw No. 05-24, being “a Bylaw confirming the proceedings of the Board at this meeting,” be read and enacted.

Bylaw No. 05-24 was read and enacted as follows:

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

Carried

17. Adjournment

Moved By Mr. Cortellucci

Seconded By Ms. Bodenstein

That the meeting be adjourned at 11:55 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 April 24, 2024.

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Carried