



# The Thunder Bay Police Services Board

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## **BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FOR MARCH 22, 2022**

THUNDER BAY, ON, March 22, 2022 — The Thunder Bay Police Services Board (TBPSB) convened for its regular session this morning. Following is a summary of notable items:

### Hybrid Board Meeting Format

The Board met in person at the Delta Hotel, as well as via Zoom this morning. A hybrid model is being used by the Board to allow for appropriate public health guidelines given the requirements of the Service to follow public health measures.

### Expert Panel Workplan

Per the Special meeting held on March 9, 2022, the Board requested more information regarding the work of the expert panel. Today, Mr. John Hannam presented a memo to the Board with a recommended workplan for discussion, proposing that the Panel's work be completed in 4 months, providing advice to the Board, and will include addressing some of the outstanding recommendations from the OIPRD report. The Expert Panel and workplan have been approved today.

"I would like to thank Alok Mukherjee for his work and putting together this very thoughtful workplan for the Expert Panel," said Chair Kristen Oliver. "The Thunder Bay Police Services Board is always looking for opportunities to improve how we serve the community and ensure the Service is being managed effectively. It's important that the public has confidence in our officers, their leadership and the Board, whose job it is to oversee the Service. Our goal is to maintain the trust of those we serve and deliver high-quality policing services to the community. I am looking forward to the recommendations of the Expert Panel."

### Advocacy for Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Program

At the February 15, 2022 meeting of the Board, a Review of the Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Program, from the Ontario Government was presented. Correspondence from Superintendent Dan Taddeo (Thunder Bay Police Service), Chair of the Ontario Association of Police Court Managers (OAPCM), were distributed separately to Board members.

Acting Deputy Chief Taddeo noted that the need for improvements to the infrastructure should be aggressively pursued by the OAPSB. Mayor Mauro remarked that the Board should be acting on this report. He asked Chief Hauth if the Board should be making any recommendations in terms of funding consequences. Secretary Hannam advised that he would collaborate with Acting Deputy Taddeo to bring forward a recommendation in this regard at the March 2022 meeting.

The following motion was approved by the Board.

With respect to the Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Transfer Payment Program Review, as conducted by the Ministry of the Solicitor General, we recommend that the Thunder Bay Police Services Board support and undertake advocacy efforts with the Ministry to effect changes in the program that meet the fiscal realities faced by Services across the Ontario.

AND THAT the Board Chair write to the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards to this effect, inviting their continued advocacy on this matter;

AND THAT the Board asks the City of Thunder Bay's Intergovernmental Affairs Committee to add its voice in this appeal for improvements to the transfer payment program;

AND THAT copies of the letter to the OAPSB be shared with the Solicitor General and local MPPs.

#### Other Matters

- Chief Hauth provided an update to the Board on year end financial results.
- Mr. John Hannam presented a report to the Board on the year-end variance of the Board 's budget.
- Chief Hauth presented a statutory update relative to the Police Service's 2021 Annual Report and their use of urgent demands under s8 of the Missing Persons Act, for the Board's information.
- The fifth episode of the Police Service's "Our Call" video series was presented which dealt with a landlord/tenant dispute and the positive outcome of rehoming of a puppy.
- Chair Kristen Oliver will be attending the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards Conference in 2022.

The full agenda can be accessed [here](#).

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