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# **BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FOR NOVEMBER 15, 2022**

THUNDER BAY, ON, November 15, 2022 — The Thunder Bay Police Services Board (TBPSB) convened this morning. Following are notable items from today's meeting:

#### **New Member**

Mayor Ken Boschoff was sworn in and welcomed as a new member of the Thunder Bay Police Services Board.

### **Governance Committee Update**

Mr. J. Hannam, Secretary to the Thunder Bay Police Services Board, provided an update on the status of the Board's Governance Committee. The Committee has had its first meeting. This meeting is in regards to the Chief of Police recruitment process. This process will continue in the coming months.

### **Thunder Bay Police Service Third Quarter Variance Report**

An operational budget update was presented from the Thunder Bay Police Service as of September 30, 2022, for the Board's information. Acting Chief Dan Taddeo provided an overview which included the following information.

At the end of the third quarter, the Service is projecting:

- A \$1.6 million unfavourable variance in overtime
- A \$125,000 unfavourable variance in WSIB expenditures
- An unfavourable variance of \$103,000 in paid duty wages as the community resumed to normal pre-covid activities sooner than expected.

\*The overtime variance is primarily due to costs associated with the new collective agreement regarding increased minimum manpower levels in uniform patrol and costs associated with the requirement to pay out all time in lieu balances at year-end, as well as overtime relating to sudden death investigations and major crime including homicides.

## **Thunder Bay Police Service 2023 Proposed Budget**

A presentation was provided to the Board relative to the proposed 2023 operating and capital budgets for the Thunder Bay Police Service, for the Board's information. Acting Chief of Police Dan Taddeo provided an overview of the proposed budget.

The 2023 budget includes replacing the Service's fleet, work on a new police headquarters and a staff compliment to better reflect the type of work required to properly fulfill their mandate and to better reflect the communities' population growth.

Proposed net budget:

Operating - \$52,030,800 Capital - \$2,188700

Overall, the TBPS proposes a Net Budget increase of \$3.5 million, or 7.2% to ensure adequate and effective police services.

The following motion was presented for the Board's consideration and was approved.

With respect to the proposed 2023 Operating and Capital Budgets of the Thunder Bay Police Service, we recommend that the Board approves the budgets as presented at the November 15, 2022.

# **Thunder Bay Police Services Board Budget**

The Board received a memo from John S. Hannam, Secretary to the Board, relative to the Board's proposed budget for 2023, for their information.

Mr. Hannam, provided an overview of the budget. There are significant increases recommended in some areas to meet actual expenses incurred in 2022. Together with an anticipated activity in the coming year, and responding to some of the recommendations of the Expert Panel an overall increase in the budget of approximately \$310,000 was proposed. Key increases can be found in Legal Fees, Purchased Services (community engagement), and Board remuneration.

The total proposed budget for 2023 is \$648,200.

The following motion was presented for the Board's consideration and was approved.

With respect to the Proposed 2023 Operation Budget of the Thunder Bay Police Services Board, we recommend that the Board approve the budget as submitted on November 15, 2022.

## **OIPRD Report Recommendations**

A summary of the status/progress of the OIPRD recommendations was presented since the Board's last update in October. It includes:

• A report relating to sudden deaths will be included in all annual reports of the Service.

Inquest into the Deaths of Seven First Nations Youths

A memo was provided on the Implementation Status of the Thunder Bay Police Service relating

to the Inquest into the Deaths of Seven First Nations Youth, for the Board's information.

**Parade of Lights Request for Donation** 

The Board received correspondence from Greg Stephenson, Chair – Parade of Lights, relative to a request for a donation towards the 2022 Parade of Lights. The Board also received a

a request for a donation towards the 2022 Parade of Lights. The Board also received a memorandum from Secretary Hannam, Secretary to the Board, recommending that the request

be accepted and ongoing funding be provided, provided that sufficient funds be available.

The following motion was presented for the Board's consideration and was approved.

With respect to the request for a donation from the Chair of the 2022 Parade of Lights

presented at the November 15, 2022 Regular Session of the Thunder Bay Police Services Board, we recommend that a donation in the amount of \$1,000 be provided to the Parade of Lights Committee; AND THAT funding be provided on an annual basis, provided

sufficient funds are available; AND THAT the funds be taken from the Board's Special

Account."

**Update on Inquest of Don Mamakwa and Roland McKay** 

An update was provided to the Board by the Board's lawyer Don Jarvis on the Inquest into the

deaths of Don Mamakwa and Roland McKay.

The recommendations and the verdict will be formally provided to the Board for review by the Office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario and formally and posted on an Ontario Government

website. The Board will also be formally responding to the recommendations and these

responses will be public as well.

Board Administrator Malcolm Mercer noted that the Governance Committee will be reviewing

these recommendations and will be tasked with addressing them after their work on recruiting a

new Police Chief.

The full agenda can be accessed <u>here</u>.

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