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## Board Highlights for October 17, 2023

**THUNDER BAY, ON (October 17, 2023)** — The Thunder Bay Police Services Board (TBPSB) convened this morning. Following are notable items from today's meeting:

### Deputation

Jason Veltri, President of the Rainbow Collective of Thunder Bay, and Scotia Kauppi, Chair of the Thunder Pride Association, provided an update to the Thunder Bay Police Services Board on the safety and security concerns facing the Queer, Trans and Non-Binary communities in Thunder Bay, and shared the security concerns and threats faced by those communities during the 2023 Pride month.

### Reports of Committees

a) Thunder Bay Police Service – Joint Health & Safety Committee

Inspector Derek West, Co-Chair of the TBPS Joint Health & Safety Committee, provided an overview of the activities of the TBPS Joint Health & Safety Committee for the period of January 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023.

b) Governance Committee

Mr. J. Hannam, Secretary to the Thunder Bay Police Services Board, provided an update relative to the activities of the Governance Committee.

c) Labour Relations Committee

Mr. J. Hannam, Secretary to the Thunder Bay Police Services Board, provided an update relative to the activities of the Labour Relations Committee.

### Reports of the Thunder Bay Police Service

a) Inquest – Seven First Nations Youth – Annual Report

Chief D. Fleury provided an overview relative to the Implementation Status Report of the Thunder Bay Police Service, relative to the Inquest into the Deaths of Seven First Nations Youths, for the Board's information. The Report outlined significant work both completed and ongoing. (Page 20-27).

b) Quarterly Complaints

Inspector G. Snyder, Thunder Bay Police Service, provided an overview relative to the summary of complaints for Q3 of 2023 (July, August, and September 2023), for the Board's information. (Pages 28-39).

c) Thunder Bay Police Service – Third Quarter Variance Report

Ms. D. Paris, Director – Financial Services & Facilities, Thunder Bay Police Service, provided an overview relative to an update on the status of the Operational Budget of the Thunder Bay Police Services as of September 30, 2023, for the Board's information. (Pages 31-32).

d) BriefCam

The Board received a memo from Detective Inspector J. Pearson relative to a request to use BriefCam video analytics software, for the Board's information. (Page 33)

Detective Inspector J. Pearson provided an overview relative to the above noted, highlighting both the support of ongoing investigations and savings in staffing resources that this represents.

The Board authorized the use of the software, by trained members of the Service only, and will look to reports on the use of the software in support of developing a broader policy on the use of artificial intelligence software by the Service.

## General Matters

a) 2023 Board Budget Status Report

The Board received a memo from Mr. J. Hannam, Secretary to the Thunder Bay Police Services Board, relative to the status of the 2023 Board Budget, re-presented for the Board's information. (Pages 34-25)

At the September 19, 2023 Regular Session of the Board, the above noted memorandum was presented. Newly-appointed Board Members Bahlieda and Councillor Etreni requested more background information on how Board expenses are communicated to Board members.

Mr. J. Hannam, Secretary to the Thunder Bay Police Services Board provided an overview relative to the above noted.

The following resolution was re-presented for the Board's consideration and approved:

With respect to the reporting of invoices paid and charged against the annual operating budget, we recommend that the Thunder Bay Police Services Board direct Administration to cease the practice, replacing it with a monthly budget summary.

b) Thunder Bay Police Services Board – Third Quarter Variance Report

The Board received a memo from Mr. J. Hannam, Secretary to the Thunder Bay Police Services Board, relative to an update on the status of the Operational Budget of the Thunder Bay Police Services Board as of September 30, 2023, for the Board's information. (Page 36).

Mr. J. Hannam, Secretary to the Thunder Bay Police Services Board provided an overview relative to the above noted.

c) Special Account Policy

The Board's Governance Committee received a memo from Malcolm Mercer, Administrator, relative to a proposed policy for the Board's Special Account, for the Board's information. (Distributed Separately).

At the September 15, 2023 meeting of the Governance Committee, the above-noted memorandum was presented and discussed at length. The Governance Committee is recommending adoption of the proposed policy being presented.

Appendix "A" of the above noted memorandum, proposed Special Account Policy, for the Board's information. (Pages 37 - 38)

Mr. M. Mercer provided an overview relative to the above noted.

The following motion was presented for the Board's consideration and the motion was deferred to the next Governance Committee meeting in November for further review.

With respect to the Memorandum to the Board's Governance Committee from Malcolm Mercer, Administrator, dated August 25, 2023, relative to a proposed policy for the Board's Special Account, as presented at the October 17, 2023 Regular Session of the Board;

THAT the Thunder Bay Police Services Board approves the Special Account Policy.

d) OIPRD Report Recommendations

Chief D. Fleury provided an overview relative to the summary of status/progress of the OIPRD Recommendations since last presented May 23, 2023, for the Board's information and the productive meeting that was held with the OIPRD, the Service and the Board on September 22nd. The meeting highlighted both the considerable progress that has been made, and placed an emphasis on key areas that require focussed effort by both the Service and the Board moving forward.

e) First Nations Grand Chief's Forum

The Board received a memo from Chief D. Fleury relative to the First Nations Grand Chief's Forum, for the Board's information. (Page 39-40).

Chief D. Fleury provided an overview of the above noted.

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

With respect to the First Nations Grand Chief's Forum being hosted by the Thunder Bay Police Service and the Anishinabek Nation, the Thunder Bay Police Services Board approves to support and assist the Thunder Bay Police Service with the costs of this forum from the Board's Special Account, excluding travel and accommodation for guests.

f) Remembrance Day 2023

Mr. J. Hannam, Secretary to the Board, provided an overview relative to the local ceremonies scheduled for Saturday, November 11, 2023. Board representation at local ceremonies was confirmed for the Waverly Park Cenotaph, Fort William Gardens, Fort William First Nation and the Slovak Legion.

g) 2024 Meeting Dates

Copies of the 2024 calendar were provided for the Board's information in order to determine their meeting dates in 2024. (Page 41)

The following meeting dates, on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, are proposed for 2024:

- Tuesday, January 16, 2024;
- Tuesday, February 20, 2024;
- Tuesday, March 19, 2024;
- Tuesday, April 16, 2024;
- Tuesday, May 21, 2024;
- Tuesday, June 18, 2024;
- Tuesday, July 16, 2024 (tentative);
- Tuesday, August 20, 2024 (tentative);
- Tuesday, September 17, 2024;
- Tuesday, October 15, 2024;
- Tuesday, November 19, 2024; and
- Tuesday, December 17, 2024.

The following resolution was presented for the Board's consideration and approved:

With respect to the 2024 meeting dates presented at the October 17, 2023 Regular Session of the Thunder Bay Police Services Board, we recommend proceeding with the proposed dates.

h) Website Launch

At the May 23, 2023 Regular Session of the Board, Mr. J. Hannam, Secretary, provided an overview of proposed changes and updates to the Board's website. The Board approved the expenditure required to update the website, and it was noted that, once completed, a presentation would be made to the Board on the new features and design changes.

Mr. J. Hannam provided an overview of the new features on the Board's website. Board members expressed their support for the new site that presents a fresh new look and identity for the Board, backed with content to help inform the public on the work of the Board.

## Petitions and Communications

a) Tracking Board Reports

There are *no updates* for the following outstanding Board reports/standing agenda items.

i. Emmanuel Oruitemeka Inquest

Board Responses to Jury Recommendations for the Ministry of the Solicitor General, due January 19, 2024.

ii. Governance Committee – Policy Development

Policy responding to recommendations #2 through 4 of the Epstein Report – Missing and Missed.

iii. Governance Committee – Policy Development

At the May 24, 2022 Regular Session of the Board, the use of Artificial Intelligence by the Thunder Bay Police Service was presented to the Board. At the February 21, 2023 Regular Session of the Board, the BriefCam Project Report was presented.

The Police Services Board was asked to develop a policy to ensure proper oversight regarding artificial intelligence and the use of video analytics.

iv. OCPC Chart – Summary of Recommendations

Summary of status/progress of OCPC Recommendations was last presented for the Board's information on June 28, 2023.

## New Business

Funding support in the amount of \$500 from the Board's special account was approved for an upcoming drag show event presented by Pink Mafia Productions, in partnership with ONWA, in support of their Gender Journey program for Indigenous youth and young adults. The full agenda can be accessed [here](#).

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