

**MEETING: THE SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF THE FIFTY-FOURTH THUNDER BAY
POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

DATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

TIME: 9:02 A.M.

PLACE: VALHALLA HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTRE
1 VALHALLA INN ROAD, THUNDER BAY

CHAIR: MS. K. MACHADO

PRESENT:

Mr. W. Bahlieda
Ms. D. Baxter
Mayor K. Boshcoff
Councillor K. Etrene
Ms. K. Machado
Mr. M. Mercer

OFFICIALS:

Mr. D. Fleury, Chief of Police
Mr. R. Hughes, Deputy Chief of Police
Ms. D. Paris, Director – Financial Services &
Facilities, Thunder Bay Police Service
Inspector G. Snyder, Thunder Bay Police Service
Mr. J. Hannam, Secretary – Thunder Bay Police
Services Board
Ms. L. Douglas, Assistant to the Secretary - Thunder
Bay Police Services Board

ATTENDING BY ZOOM:

Mr. T. Gervais, Ministry of the Solicitor General

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. Mr. W. Bahlieda and Councillor K. Etrene were welcomed as new members of the Thunder Bay Police Services Board.

Chair K. Machado congratulated Chief D. Fleury on receiving his Member of the Order of Merit of the Police Forces Award, which recognizes leadership and exceptional service or distinctive merit by the men and women of the Canadian Police Services.

1. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest declared at this time.

2. AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE

Correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General, dated September 8, 2023, relative to the Order in Council 1338/2023, appointing Mr. Wayne Bahlieda as a member of the Thunder Bay Police Services Board for a one (1) year term, effective September 7, 2023, was provided for the Board's information.

The Affirmation of Office to be read aloud by Mr. Bahlieda, signed and filed.

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Correspondence from the Office of the City Clerk, dated September 13, 2023, relative to a Municipal Appointment, appointing Councillor Kasey Etreni as a member of the Thunder Bay Police Services Board for the remainder of a four (4) year term, effective September 11, 2023, and expiring November 14, 2026, was provided for the Board's information.

The Affirmation of Office to be read aloud by Ms. Etreni, signed and filed.

3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Under New Business, Chief Fleury added attendance at the Manitoba Association of Chiefs of Police meeting.

MOVED BY: Councillor K. Etreni

SECONDED BY: Ms. D. Baxter

With respect to the Seventeenth Session (Regular) of the Fifty-Fourth Thunder Bay Police Services Board held on September 19, 2023, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Twelfth Session (Regular) of the Fifty-Fourth Thunder Bay Police Services Board held on June 20, 2023, as well as the Minutes of the Fifteenth Session (Regular) of the Fifty-Fourth Thunder Bay Police Services Board held on July 18, 2023, to be confirmed.
Any errors or omissions?

MOVED BY: Mr. W. Bahlieda

SECONDED BY: Ms. D. Baxter

THAT the Minutes of the Twelfth (Regular) and Fifteenth Sessions (Regular) of the Fifty-Fourth Thunder Bay Police Services Board held on June 20, 2023 and July 18, 2023, respectively, be confirmed.

CARRIED

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

a) Governance Committee

Mr. J. Hannam, Secretary to the Thunder Bay Police Services Board, reported that the Governance Committee met last week, and reviewed its overall Work Plan. The Committee will

be moving forward with addressing all of the recommendations directed at the Police Services Board.

b) Labour Relations Committee

Mr. J. Hannam, Secretary to the Thunder Bay Police Services Board, reported that the Committee met on August 29, 2023 and are working on their mandate. They are currently focused on building a more positive relationship with the Thunder Bay Senior Officers' Associations and are starting work on preparing for upcoming contract negotiations.

6. REPORTS OF THE THUNDER BAY POLICE SERVICE

a) Inquest – Seven First Nation Youths - Annual Report

Implementation Status Report of the Thunder Bay Police Service, relative to the Inquest into the Deaths of Seven First Nation Youths, was provided for the Board's information.

MOVED BY: Councillor K. Etreni
SECONDED BY: Ms. D. Baxter

With respect to the Implementation Status Report of the Thunder Bay Police Service, relative to the Inquest into the Deaths of Seven First Nation Youths, we move to defer presentation of the Report to the October 17, 2023 Regular Session of the Board.

CARRIED

b) Second Quarter Variance Report – Thunder Bay Police Service

Report No. 23/23 (Police) relative to an update on the status of the Operational Budget of the Thunder Bay Police Service for the period ending June 30, 2023, was provided for the Board's information.

Ms. D. Paris, Director – Financial Services & Facilities, Thunder Bay Police Service, provided an overview relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

c) Quarterly Complaints

Report No. 24/23 (Police) relative to the summary of complaints for Q2 of 2023 (April, May, and June, 2023), was provided for the Board's information.

Inspector G. Snyder, Thunder Bay Police Service, provided an overview relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

d) Electronic Storage Detection K9

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Memorandum to the Thunder Bay Police Services Board from Chief D. Fleury, dated September 13, 2023, relative to Electronic Storage Detection K9, was provided for information purposes only. Inspector J. Pearson, Thunder Bay Police Service, provided an overview relative to the above noted and responded to questions. He noted that this is an extremely valuable program for the Police Service. Costs are estimated at approximately \$4,000 annually.

7. GENERAL MATTERS

a) 2023 Board Budget Status Report

Memorandum to the Thunder Bay Police Services Board from John S. Hannam, Secretary, relative to the status of the 2023 Board Budget, was distributed separately for the Board's information.

Mr. J. Hannam, Secretary to the Thunder Bay Police Services Board, provided a brief overview relative to the above noted and responded to questions about the estimated year-end variance. Administrator M. Mercer also responded to questions about the variance and provided clarification on some of the categories. He noted that Board Administration is looking at more efficient & effective ways to providing staffing support to the Board.

New Board members Bahlieda and Etreni requested more background information on how Board expenses are communicated to Board members. Ms. D. Baxter provided some context to the discussion.

Mr. Hannam committed to providing the new Board members with more information on the past practice following the meeting.

MOVED BY: Councillor K. Etreni

SECONDED BY: Ms. D. Baxter

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.

DEFERRED

b) Medicolegal Autopsies from the Thunder Bay Region

Correspondence to Malcolm Mercer, Administrator - Thunder Bay Police Services Board from the Ministry of the Solicitor General, dated August 21, 2023, relative to an update about the provision of medicolegal autopsies for the Thunder Bay Region, was provided for the Board's information.

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Mr. M. Mercer, Administrator for the Thunder Bay Police Services Board, provided an overview relative to the above noted.

Mr. Mercer noted that the Office of the Chief Coroner has confirmed that the problem of providing medicolegal autopsies in Thunder Bay is well understood by them. They have committed to providing a Mobile Team one week per month to perform non-complex autopsies in Thunder Bay.

Mr. Mercer responded to questions about why autopsies stopped in Thunder Bay.

Deputy Chief R. Hughes advised that the Police Service has spent over \$300,000 sending members of the Service to Toronto when cases are transferred to the Provincial Forensic Pathology Unit in Toronto. He noted that both he and Chief Fleury have met with the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre to discuss this issue.

c) Community Safety & Well Being Committee

Memorandum to the Thunder Bay Police Services Board from John S. Hannam, Secretary, dated September 14, 2023, relative to the appointment of a Board representative on the City of Thunder Bay's Community Safety and Well Being Committee, was provided for the Board's information.

Mr. J. Hannam provided an overview relative to the above noted memorandum, and noted that a representative of the Board doesn't necessarily need to be a member of the Board; it can be a member of the community.

MOVED BY: Mayor K. Boshcoff
SECONDED BY: Councillor K. Etreni

With respect to the appointment of a Board representative on the City of Thunder Bay's Community Safety and Well Being Committee, we authorize the appointment of a community member to the Community Safety and Well Being Committee.

CARRIED

8. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

a) Bail Compliance and Warrant Apprehension Grant

Memorandum to the Thunder Bay Police Services Board from Chief D. Fleury, dated September 12, 2023, relative to an application for a Bail Compliance and Warrant Apprehension grant to the Ministry of the Solicitor General, was provided for the Board's information.

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Staff Sergeant Jason Anderson, Community Outreach – Thunder Bay Police Service, provided an overview and responded to questions relative to the above noted memorandum. Chief Fleury also responded to questions.

MOVED BY: Councillor K. Etreni

SECONDED BY: Ms. D. Baxter

With respect to the Bail Compliance and Warrant Apprehension Grant as presented at the September 19, 2023 Regular Session of the Board, the Thunder Bay Police Services Board approves increasing the compliment at the Thunder Bay Police Service by two (2) civilian positions that would be grant funded positions.

AND THAT the Chair and Secretary of the Board be authorized to sign documentation in support of the above noted grant.

CARRIED

b) Request for Donation

Correspondence to the Thunder Bay Police Services Board from Colin Woods – President of the Thunder Bay Police Association, dated August 14, 2023, relative to a request for a donation towards the Association’s annual golf tournament, was provided for the Board’s information.

Mr. J. Hannam, Secretary, provided a brief overview of the request.

MOVED BY: Ms. D. Baxter

SECONDED BY: Councillor K. Etreni

With respect to the request for support for the Thunder Bay Police Association’s annual golf tournament, as presented at the September 19, 2023 Regular Session of the Thunder Bay Police Services Board, we authorize funding in the amount of \$1,000;

AND THAT the funding be paid from the Board’s Special Account.

CARRIED

c) All Chiefs Memos

Correspondence to All Chiefs of Police from the Ministry of the Solicitor General, was provided for information purposes only, as follows:

- Index No. 23-0056 – Proceeds of Crime Front-Line Policing/Grant Program – Call for Applications, dated July 24, 2023;

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- Index No. 23-0061 – Posting of Proposed Regulations under the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*, dated August 4, 2023;
- Index No. 23-0062 – Next Generation 9-1-1 Transition Funding Support – Year Two Call for Applications;
- Index No. 23-0063 – Ontario’s Guns and Gangs Investigative Funds;
- Index No. 23-0064 – 2024 Basic Constable Training Program Dates, dated August 22, 2023.
- Index No. 23-0065 – Police Canine Units Survey
- Index No. 23-0066 – Intensive Serious Violent Crime Bail Teams (Due to size, attachment distributed separately with Agenda)

Mr. J. Hannam, Secretary to the Board, and Chief D. Fleury provided overviews relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

Staff Sergeant Jason Anderson, Community Outreach – Thunder Bay Police Service, also responded to questions and provided an overview of what grants the Police Service has applied for.

d) Update on the 2023 World Police Fire Games

Deputy Chief R. Hughes provided a summary of results and medals earned by the Police Service’s members who participated in the 2023 World Police Fire Games in Winnipeg, Manitoba in July, 2023.

He noted that results were sent out to the media, as well as internally to the Police Service. He thanked the Board for their financial support for Service members who participated in the Games. Chief Fleury also responded to questions and noted that these types of good news stories are used for recruiting purposes.

All officers who participated were congratulated by the Board.

e) Thank You Letter

Correspondence from the Thunder Bay Police Association’s Men’s Softball Team, dated August 5, 2023, relative to thanking the Thunder Bay Police Services Board for its support and financial contribution towards expenses incurred at the 2023 World Police Fire Games in Winnipeg, Manitoba, was provided for the Board’s information.

f) 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. OIPRD Report Recommendations

Summary of the status/progress of the OIPRD Recommendations was last presented for the Board's information on May 23, 2023.

v. OCPC Chart – Summary of Recommendations

Summary of status/progress of OCPC Recommendations was last presented for the Board's information on June 28, 2022.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Manitoba Association of Chiefs of Police Meeting

Chief Fleury provided an overview, proposing his and Deputy Chief Hughes' attendance at the upcoming meeting of the Manitoba Association of Chiefs of Police in Winnipeg, Manitoba on October 23, 2023.

The Board was in consensus that the Chief and Deputy Chief should attend.

10. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

MOVED BY: Mayor K. Boshcoff

SECONDED BY: Councillor K. Etreni

THAT the following By-law be introduced, read, dealt with individually, engrossed, signed by the Chair and Secretary to the Thunder Bay Police Services Board, sealed and numbered:

1. A By-law to confirm the proceedings of a Regular Session of The Thunder Bay Police Services Board, this 19th day of September, 2023.

Explanation: Confirmation of the proceedings and each motion, resolution and other action passed or taken by the Thunder Bay Police Services Board at this meeting is required, adopted, ratified and confirmed as if all such proceedings had been expressly embodied in this By-law.

BY-LAW NUMBER: PC19– 2023

CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.