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Board Highlights for September 17, 2024

THUNDER BAY, ON, September 17, 2024 — The Thunder Bay Police Services Board (TBPSB) convened this morning. Following are notable items from today's meeting:

Reappointment to Police Board

Mr. Wayne Bahlleda was reappointed as a member of the Thunder Bay Police Service Board for a one (1) year term, effective September 7, 2024. Board Chair Karen Machado thanked Mr. Bahlleda for his service and continued service.

Thunder Bay Police Service Citizen Satisfaction and Trust Survey Results

Ms. Tracie Smith, Director – Communications and Technology, Thunder Bay Police Service, presented the survey results. Ms. Smith noted that much effort had been put into getting indigenous and other diverse community groups to participate in the survey. Please contact the Service for a copy of the report.

Councillor K. Etreni noted that it would be helpful to separate out the data points for indigenous respondents from other diverse groups. Ms. Smith agreed that it would be helpful and agreed to look into the request. Ms. Smith also noted that the Service will investigate having a greater number of survey participants for the next survey.

The Board members are committed to working collaboratively with Indigenous communities and building trusting relationships with all the communities they serve. The members understand that the process of building trust with Indigenous communities will require transparency, acknowledgement, and accountability, as well as taking concrete action.

Governance Committee Update

Committee Chair, Ms. Denise Baxter, to provide an overview relative to the activities of the Governance Committee.

Committee Chair Baxter noted that committee member Cora McGuire-Cyrette's term is expiring and that Ms. McGuire-Cyrette will be staying on until winter holidays. Ms. McGuire-Cyrette was thanked for her hard work and dedication, and how instrumental she has been getting the Governance Committee up and running.

The Board passed two motions put forward by Committee Chair Baxter, namely, a motion to approve Policy Template and Numbering and a motion to approve the format for Policy/Procedure.

With the new template in place, Board policies will be able to be posted on the website.

Labour Relations Committee

Committee Chair, Mr. W. Bahlleda, provided an overview relative to the activities of the Labour Relations Committee. Committee Chair Bahlleda reported that the committee will be scheduling its next meeting in October.

Request to Claim Found Property

The Board approved a motion to release funds found by good Samaritan Mr. Marko Simic, as the owner has not claimed the found funds in more than 90 days, as per the Service's policy pertaining to the release of found property.

Councillor K. Etreni's noted that it is important that the public is aware of the 90 rule and asked the Chief to review the policy with the front-desk officers. Chief Fleury agreed.

Summary of Complaints to the Service for Q2 2024

Staff Sergeant J. Rybak, Thunder Bay Police Service, provided an overview. Board Chair Machado clarified with Staff Sergeant J. Rybak that the term "terminated" does not mean an investigation was dismissed, rejected or that someone was fired.

General Matters

Ryan Inquest Recommendations

Inspector Gordon Snyder updated the Board on the good progress the Service is making in implementing two recommendations directed at all police services in Ontario by updating services polices and procedures.

Strategic Planning

With respect to conducting a community survey in support of the Boards strategic planning process, Mr. J. Hannam, Secretary, recommend that the Board approve of the expenditure of \$10,000, in partnership with the Thunder Bay Police Service. The motion to approve the funding was carried.

Evergreen a United Neighbourhood – Funding Request

The Board approved a \$10,000 funding request from Evergreen a United Neighbourhood from the Board's Special Account fund. Many members lauded Evergreen for the important work they do to get youth involved in the community and the positive impact they have.

Board Communication

Councillor K. Etrene noted that there are areas of improvement in terms of how the Board communicates with the public and what information is being posted on the Board's website.

Councillor K. Etrene discussed the importance of having a Board member only section of the website so that documents can be more easily reviewed. Mr. J. Hannam, Secretary, noted that improvements have already been made and that further opportunities for improvement will be looked into.

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

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