

PERTH POLICE SERVICES BOARD

April 26, 2018, 1500 hrs.

Town Hall

Present	Jim Graff	Chair
	John Clement	Vice Chair
	John Gemmell	Member
	Eric Halpin	Member
	John Jarbeau	Member
	Derek Needham	OPP Inspector
	Stephanie Gray	LCST Co-ordinator
	Sally Smith	Secretary

Note: John Clement was in the chair; Jim Graff was present but did not chair. John Gemmell arrived at 1530 hrs.

Call to Order

Mr. Clement called the Perth Police Services Board to order at 1500 hrs. precisely.

Approval of Agenda

Motion 2018-6

- Moved by Eric Halpin
- Seconded by John Jarbeau

That the Perth Police Services Board accepts the April 26, 2018 agenda.

CARRIED

Additions to Agenda

None.

Declarations of Interest

None.

Guests

None.

Approval of Minutes

Motion 2018-7

- Moved by Eric Halpin
- Seconded by John Jarbeau

That the Perth Police Services Board accepts the February 22, 2018 minutes.

CARRIED

Business Arising out of Minutes

None.

Reports

a) Chair

- Mr. Graff spoke from the floor. He said the Chief's annual evaluation had been completed. Inspector Needham commented that it was "reflective of the positive working relationship I have with the Perth Police Services Board."
- The second installment of the PEM grant (\$60,000) for 2017/2018 to cover Lanark County Situation Table costs has been received.
- The Sign Design PSB banner words and logo can be used for Battle of the Saddle shirts. The PSB will make its presence felt at Battle of the Saddle (Perth Physiotherapy, May 12) with the appearance of Jim Graff and John Clement, and maybe others, who will peddle and volunteer. The focus for the PSB will be on the Bike Rodeo – good exposure.

Motion 2018-8

- Moved by Eric Halpin
- Seconded by John Jarbeau

That the Perth Police Services Board supports the Bicycle Rodeo in Perth with a \$500 donation.

CARRIED

b) Committees

Finance

Mr. Jarbeau commented that the PSB has been budgeted \$8,000 for 2018; we have spent \$250+.

Motion 2018-9

- Moved by Eric Halpin
- Seconded by John Jarbeau

That the Perth Police Services Board receives the PSB Accounts (Detail and Summary) for March 2018.

CARRIED

c) Other Members Reports

Mr. Halpin recounted a presentation by retired Ottawa police officer and present doctoral candidate at Carleton University, Greg Brown, at the Hawkesbury OAPSB Zone 2 meeting April 19/20. This was information from his forthcoming thesis on de-policing. From anecdotal research Brown has learned that "about 75 percent of officers do not actively look for illegal activities. The situation is identical in the States. Society is over-scrutinizing how officers do their job. They don't perform as trained for fear of being unduly criticized. They avoid interaction with certain groups; they won't go to certain areas. The situation has become so bad some officers put themselves into jeopardy; there is a reluctance to protect themselves." Mr. Halpin calls this "performance punishing."

The Perth PSB encouraged Mr. Halpin to go to the local press with this information.

d) Detachment Commander's Report

Inspector Needham walked through first-quarter stats for 2018. In other business he pointed out that the PEM grant had been approved; RIDE grant applications would be done next week and Proceeds of Crime grants soon.

Inspector Needham commented that Stephanie Gray has become a good mentor for other Situation Tables in the area.

Motion 2018-5

- Moved by Eric Halpin
- Seconded by John Jarbeau

That the Perth Police Services Board accepts the January to March 2018 quarterly Detachment Commander's report.

CARRIED

e) LCST Report

Stephanie Gray, Lanark County Situation Table co-ordinator, briefly discussed her monthly report. She pointed out that while there are 66 Situation Tables in Ontario, there are over 400 municipalities. Her monthly report was accepted.

John deRosenroll, CAO, Town of Perth, explained the spike in alarm calls was caused by first time business owners. Business owners get three warnings re their alarm calls; after the third one they receive a \$200 fine.

Motions Arising from Reports

Motion 2018-11

- Moved by Eric Halpin
- Seconded by John Jarbeau

That the Perth Police Services Board authorizes Stephanie Gray to commence preparation of the 2017 PSB Annual Report for town council with the appropriate compensation for Ms. Gray.

Correspondence

No comment.

Housekeeping Motions

Motion 2018-12

- Moved by Eric Halpin
- Seconded by John Jarbeau

That the Perth Police Services Board sends Jim Graff and John Clement to the LCAPSB April 4 in Smiths Falls.

CARRIED

Inspector Needham left at 1620 hrs.

Motion 2018-13

- Moved by Eric Halpin
- Seconded by John Jarbeau

That the Perth Police Services Board sends Eric Halpin and John Gemmell to the Hawkesbury OAPSB Zone 2 meeting April 19, 20.

CARRIED

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Discussion ensued re perceived traffic problem on John and Thom Streets when new building goes up on Rogers Road. Is there a traffic calming process i.e. portable speed bumps; how can council be proactive; can Commissionaires or traffic counters be used; is this just a political issue. Debate/discussion deferred until May meeting.

In Camera

None.

Next Meeting

May 26, 2018, 1500 hours, Council Chambers

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1645 hours.


Jim Graff, Chair


Sally Smith, Secretary