

HALDIMAND COUNTY POLICE SERVICES BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 30, 2017
Community Boardroom, O.P.P. Detachment, Cayuga
9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Bernie Corbett, Chair
Stewart Patterson, Vice Chair
Ken Hewitt, Member
Lynn Hewitt, Member

ALSO PRESENT: Karen General, General Manager, Corporate Services
Wood McKaig, Haldimand County Solicitor
Inspector Phil Carter, Detachment Commander, Haldimand County OPP
Jerri Whiting, Interim, Police Services Board Administrator

ABSENT: David Welch, Member

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 OPP Response to Caledonia Blockade

Member Corbett expressed his concern regarding the policing of the ongoing protest on Argyle Street in Caledonia, noting the impact on residents and businesses in the area.

Inspector Carter noted that OPP Headquarters have determined that the protest is land claim related, and therefore the Provincial response follows the "Framework for Police Preparedness for Aboriginal Critical Incidents". In response to a question from Member K. Hewitt, Inspector Carter noted that, because the blockade has been deemed a major policing incident, the responsibility has been transferred out of the local detachment to Provincial command. Further to Member K. Hewitt's questions, Inspector Carter also explained that, if Haldimand County had a municipal police force rather than contracting the service to the OPP, the situation would remain the same wherein the Police Services Board would not have the ability to direct police operations.

Karen General noted that, because the protest falls under the Provincial mandate, the associated costs of the OPP resources should be borne by the Province, as was done in 2006/2007. Inspector Carter was asked to receive assurances of this and provide such correspondence to the County.

4. CLOSED SESSION

4.1 Legal Counsel from County Solicitor

MOTION 1: Moved by L. Hewitt and Seconded by S. Patterson

THAT the Haldimand County Police Services Board hereby enters a portion of the meeting closed to the public at 10:25 a.m. pursuant to Section 35(4) Part a) or b) of the Ontario Police Services Act, R.S.O. 1990 for discussion where intimate financial or personal matters or other matters where the desirability of avoiding their disclosure in the interest of any person affected or in the public interest outweighs the desirability of adhering to the principle that proceedings be open to the public.

CARRIED

MOTION 2: Moved by L. Hewitt and Seconded by S. Patterson

THAT the Haldimand County Police Services Board hereby comes out of the closed portion of the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

CARRIED

5. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board was set for Wednesday, September 27, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. in the Community Boardroom of O.P.P. Detachment in Cayuga.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 3: Moved by K. Hewitt and Seconded by L. Hewitt

THAT the Haldimand County Police Services Board hereby adjourns this meeting at 11:06 a.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY TO COMMITTEE