

Regular Meeting

Lower Level – City Hall
Pembroke, Ontario
January 24, 2013

Present – Board Chair, Mike Lemay, Pauline Edmonds, Terry Harkins, Ed Jacyno, Ron Gervais, Chief Hawkins, Deputy Chief Mellon and Jennifer Charkavi (Recording Secretary)

Absent – Barb Briscoe

1. Approval of Agenda:

Items removed/added to the agenda:
January 15, 2013 Special Meeting Minutes – Approval of Agenda
Letter from Accessibility Coordinator – New Business

Motion: Moved by Pauline Edmonds
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Ron Gervais
THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED.

2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair:

Motion: Moved by Terry Harkins
Seconded by Mayor Ed Jacyno
THAT Mike Lemay be nominated as Chair of the Pembroke Police Services Board (PPSB).

Mike Lemay let his name stand for Chair of PPSB.

3 Requests were made to the floor for further nominations, none were received.

Mike Lemay elected as Chair of the PPSB.

CARRIED.

Motion: Moved by Mayor Ed Jacyno
Seconded by Terry Harkins
THAT Ron Gervais be nominated as Vice Chair of the Pembroke Police Services Board (PPSB).

Ron Gervais let his name stand for Vice Chair of PPSB.

3 Requests were made to the floor for further nominations, none were received.

Ron Gervais elected as Vice Chair of the PPSB.

CARRIED.

3. Minutes:

- (i) Motion: Moved by Pauline Edmonds.
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Ron Gervais
THAT the Minutes of December 20, 2012 be approved as circulated.
CARRIED.
- (ii) Motion: Moved by Deputy Mayor Ron Gervais
Seconded by Terry Harkins
THAT the Minutes of January 15, 2013 be approved as circulated.
CARRIED.
- (iii) Mr. Lemay added that the Association had ratified the contract from PPSB that was completed by the Board at the meeting of January 15, 2013.

4. Monthly Activity Reports and Commendations:

Chief Hawkins reported to Committee on the activities of the Chief and Deputy Chief, they had attended an OPP Transition Meeting at City Hall on January 7, 2013 and attended the Section 40 Meeting at the Best Western Inn Pembroke on January 8, 2013.

Chief Hawkins reported to Committee that Constable Snider is still off and so there are no new stats for that position. He did report that there were a total of 25 traffic related charges in the month of November laid by other officers and 9 for the month of December 2012.

Chief Hawkins reported to Committee on the Foot Patrol conducted by Patrol Officers for the month of December 2012. He stated that the number of hours is significantly decreased and will remain low due to the availability of officers, work load and other issues.

5. New Business:

- (i) Chief Hawkins reported that correspondence was received from the Accessibility Committee. He stated that the Province of Ontario, through their accessibility mandates, the City's Accessibility Committee has set a benchmark for taxi companies to have 10% of their taxis accessible, according to the legislation. He stated that for the City of Pembroke that would be approximately 2 taxis.

Chief Hawkins stated that under the Highway Traffic Act, in order for a vehicle to be accessible there are specific items that must be met before a vehicle can be termed accessible. He further added that this is a very expensive retrofit or special order.

Chief Hawkins advised Committee that Constable Seegmiller had canvassed the local taxi companies and that there are about 3 calls per month for accessible transportation. He added that those who do call the taxi companies are usually able to get out of their wheelchairs with assistance and the chair can be placed in the trunk of the taxi. Those who cannot get out to their wheelchairs are referred to the Handi-Bus.

Chief Hawkins suggested that these concerns be brought back to the Accessibility Committee as these changes cannot be imposed at this time.

