

**MEETING: THE TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE FIFTY-THIRD THUNDER BAY
POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

DATE: AUGUST 9, 2022
TIME: 9:09 A.M.
PLACE: VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM
ADMINISTRATOR: MR. M. MERCER

PRESENT:

Councillor S. Ch'ng
Mayor B. Mauro
Mr. M. Mercer

ABSENT:

Ms. G. Morriseau

GUESTS:

Mr. P. Stanley - Odgers-Berndtson
Ms. T. Todorovic - Odgers-Berndtson

OFFICIALS:

Mr. D. Taddeo, Acting Chief of Police
Mr. T. Gervais, Police Services Advisor – Ministry
of the Solicitor General
Mr. J. Hannam, Secretary – Thunder Bay Police
Services Board
Ms. L. Douglas, Assistant to the Secretary - Thunder
Bay Police Services Board

1. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest declared at this time.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

MOVED BY: Mr. M. Mercer

With respect to the Twenty-Fifth Session (Special Regular) of the Fifty-Third Thunder Bay Police Services Board held on August 9, 2022, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

APPROVED by Administrator

3. REPORTS OF THE THUNDER BAY POLICE SERVICE

Service Overview

Acting Chief of Police D. Taddeo provided a comprehensive overview of the most current issues and challenges facing the Police Service.

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While facing continuing investigations and investigations from multiple oversight bodies, the Service is dealing with a significant amount of violent crime, including 10 homicides year-to-date.

Current challenges include:

- The opioid crisis and mental health issues are the largest drivers for calls for service.
- Northern Public Health Units continue to experience the highest rates of opioid-related mortality in the province.
- Mortality rates in the region are over 4 times the provincial rate.
- Each overdose death must be investigated as a potential homicide, resulting in an incredible strain on front line officers and detectives.
- The true population of Thunder Bay could be as high as 150,000 – which could explain the disproportionate number of crime and social issues based on a 100,000 per capita measurement.
- Human Resource issues include the mental health of the Service's sworn and civilian complement, and challenges with recruitment of new officers.

Acting Chief Taddeo reported on the successes of the Primary Response and specialty units in thwarting guns and gangs activity in the community. The clearance rate of the Police Service is significantly higher than both the provincial and national averages of other police services.

An overview of the StatsCan annual report on crime in Canada and in Thunder Bay was provided.

A positive overview of the partnerships and programs through the Service's Community Outreach Branch was provided.

In closing, Acting Chief Taddeo stressed the importance of successful, sustainable and thriving partnerships going into the future, both internally and externally.

Discussion followed on advocating for more support from the Province for mental health and addictions.

4. GENERAL MATTERS

Committee Review

Memorandum to Members of the Thunder Bay Police Services Board from John S. Hannam, Secretary to the Board, dated July 31, 2022, was provided for the Board's information.

Mr. J. Hannam provided an overview of his Memorandum and responded to questions.

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He noted that the focus is on the Governance Committee, with a recommendation to seek public involvement on the Committee. Mr. Hannam recommended that 3 members of the community be added to the Governance Committee in order to complete the work required and for overall governance of the Board. Mr. Hannam noted that the citizen members would not have a vote at the Board level; however, they would play a role in policy development and the recruitment of a new Chief of Police.

Discussion followed relative to if this issue should be left for the next Board, as this term of City Council is about to be concluded, and there will be a number of new appointments from the new Council.

Discussion was held relative to the lack of resources for this Board.

MOVED BY: Mr. M. Mercer

With respect to the mandate and membership of the Thunder Bay Police Services Board's Governance Committee, we recommend that the Board approve the amendment of the Committee's mandate to include:

- meeting procedural by-laws, meeting processes and practices
- recruitment of Board members
- development and education of Board members,
- recruitment of the Police Services Board the Chief of Police and the Deputy Chief,
- recruitment of administrative officers of the Board

AND THAT the membership of the Governance Committee be amended to include 3 members of the Board, and 3 community representatives;

AND THAT Board Administrator M. Mercer participate as a committee member as provided for in his appointment as the Administrator.

APPROVED by Administrator

5. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business presented.

6. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

MOVED BY: Mr. M. Mercer

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

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sealed and numbered:

1. A By-law to confirm the proceedings of a Special Regular Session of The Thunder Bay Police Services Board, this 9th day of August, 2022.

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: PC23– 2022

APPROVED by Administrator

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.