

UPPER OTTAWA VALLEY



POLICE SERVICES BOARD

APRIL 2025 MEETING MINUTES

OPP Service Board - April 2025

Transcript

The meeting focused on the approval of minutes, and the discussion of the Police Board's membership and insurance. The board decided not to join the Ontario Police Service Board Association due to cost, estimating a total cost of \$5,000 for membership and travel. They also discussed insurance quotes, opting for a lower option from Intact. The board reviewed the Terms of Reference, strategic plan, and honorariums, agreeing to pay members through their existing honorarium system. The next meeting was scheduled for June 13th at 11:00 AM but was later changed to July 4th at 11 am.

Action Items

- Follow up with the insurance provider to understand the cost differences.
- Finalize the budget with the \$5,000 administrative support cost.
- Schedule the next meeting for June 13th at 11 AM.
- Review the terms of reference and provide feedback before the next meeting.
- Discuss the public appointment process and any potential candidates.

Outline

Approval of Minutes and Technology Issues

- B. King mentions the minutes are not on the cloud or server but on a specific computer.
- C. Neff explains the need to double-check the minutes.
- B. King suggests reviewing the minutes and correcting any missed details.
- C. Neff agrees to double-check the minutes and asks for feedback if anything is missed.

Land Acknowledgement and Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

- B. King initiates the land acknowledgement but cannot find the plaque.
- The land acknowledgement is read, acknowledging the territorial lands of the Anishinaabe people.
- Declaration of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof is declared with no conflicts of interest.
- C. Neff reiterates the need to double-check the minutes and technology issues faced.

Police Board Associations Discussion

- C. Neff presents an email from Graham Wright regarding membership in the Police Service Board and the Ontario Police Service Board Association.
- The board discusses the pros and cons of membership, including training and cost implications.
- The board decides not to join the Ontario Police Service Board Association due to cost and training availability.
- The board considers the cost of membership and travel for meetings, estimating a total of \$5,000.

Insurance Discussion

- C. Neff presents various insurance quotes from different municipalities, including Pembroke and Renfrew.
- The board discusses the differences in costs and the need to negotiate the price.

- C. Neff plans to follow up with the insurance providers to clarify the differences in quotes.
- The board agrees to proceed with the lower insurance quote from Intact, pending further negotiations.

Honorariums and Remuneration

- A. Giardini and C. Dowser discuss the honorariums for board members and the need for a consistent payment.
- The board considers the possibility of paying honorariums through the board budget.
- C. Neff plans to discuss the honorarium policy with the clerk and the solicitor general.
- The board agrees to pay members through their existing honorarium systems..

Terms of Reference and Strategic Plan

- C. Neff presents the draft Terms of Reference for the board, including roles and responsibilities.
- The board discusses the need to provide annual reports to municipalities and the possibility of monthly reporting.
- The board agrees to review and finalize the Terms of Reference before bringing in public members.
- C. Neff plans to work on the strategic plan, considering the Ontario Provincial Police's strategic plan as a template.

Delegated Board Members and Public Appointee

- The board discusses the need for each member to have a designated delegate in case of absence.
- A. Giardini mentions a potential public appointee who is interested in the role.
- The board considers the need to advertise the public appointee position and the potential backlash from not doing so.
- C. Neff plans to follow up with the solicitor general and the Ontario Provincial Police regarding the appointment process.

Staff Support Costing and Budget

- C. Neff presents the staff support costing, including time estimates for various tasks.
- The board discusses the need for a budget line item for staff support and the possibility of adjusting the budget as needed.
- A. Giardini suggests rounding the budget to a specific amount to allow for contingencies.
- The board agrees to set a budget line item of \$5,000 for staff support, pending further discussions with the clerk.

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

- The board discusses the next meeting date, considering various availability and deadlines.
- The board agrees to meet on June 13th at 11:00 AM.
- The meeting is adjourned at 11:52 AM.