



**REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MINUTES**

Thursday, July 6, 2017

**Niagara Regional Police Service
Community Room 1st Floor, 5700 Valley Way, Niagara Falls**

CALL TO ORDER

The Finance Committee Meeting of the Niagara Police Services Board commenced at 9:45 am.

ROLL CALL

PSB MEMBERS: Mr. B. Marshall, Committee Chair
Mr. B. Gale, Chair
Mr. K. Gansel, Vice Chair
Mr. D. Barrick
Mr. T. Bonham
Mr. A. Caslin
Mr. V. Stewart

Ms. D. Reid, Executive Director

NRPS MEMBERS: Chief of Police J. McGuire
Deputy Chief of Police B. MacCulloch, Operational Services
Deputy Chief of Police B. Fordy, Support Services
Ms. L. DiDonato/DeChellis, Director of Business Services
Ms. L. Rullo, Finance Manager
Inspector M. Giannico, Executive Officer to the Chief of Police

OTHERS: Mr. R. McGuire, Citizen
Mr. C. Shafer, Uber

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT/PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict or pecuniary interest.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. **Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Thursday, March 9, 2017.**

Moved by: T. Bonham
Seconded by: A. Caslin

That the information be received.

Carried.

2. **Minutes of the In-Camera Finance Committee Meeting held Thursday, March 9, 2017.**
(In Camera Minutes provided to the Board and Committee Members only).

Moved by: A. Caslin
Seconded by: T. Bonham

That the information be received.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

3. **NRPS 2018 Budget Foundation**

The Board considered Service report 189/2017 dated June 19, 2017, providing the Board's Finance Committee with a report to outline some of the material 2018 base budget foundation pressures, including the impact on collective bargaining, mandated regulatory requirements, inflationary expenditure increases (i.e. foreign exchange and fuel prices) and risks associated with funding for the Casino Patrol Unit and Provincial funding reforms.

With respect to the capital budget timetable, it was noted that the Service will present the capital budget to the Board at its July 27th meeting. It was further clarified that the date of August 18th is for the police capital budget to be delivered to Regional Corporate Services staff. Ms. DiDonato-DeChellis advised that the Service will be seeking Board direction on July 27th to provide Regional staff with the draft police capital budget.

Member Barrick requested the Committee consider providing the Service with preliminary budget guidance to assist the Service in preparation of its 2018 operating budget to the Board's Finance Committee meeting in September. He stated that the Region will likely approve a budget guidance of 2% at its budget review meeting this evening.

Member Caslin referenced a letter dated July 5th from Margaret Murphy at the Region, which speaks to 2018 budget guidance at 2% so the Board Committee direction would be in alignment with the Region's Corporate Services staff recommendation.

Chief McGuire advised that currently, based on the recent collective agreement settlements and other items as outlined in the report, the Service will be starting with a 5.5% budget increase in 2018, without any additions or extra budget items that may be required.

Moved by: D. Barrick
Seconded by: A. Caslin

That the Committee approve a two percent (2%) budgetary guidance for the Niagara Regional Police Service 2018 Operating Budget in addition to other options and opportunities that may be presented to the Board for its consideration at the September 28, 2017 Board meeting.

Carried.

Moved by: A. Caslin
Seconded by: T. Bonham

That the information be received.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

NRPS 1 District (St. Catharines) Facility Project - Verbal Update

In absence of the Board's Facilities/Accommodation Committee meeting that was initially scheduled for today, Member Caslin requested an update on the status of the NRPS 1 District (St. Catharines) facility project.

Facilities Committee Chair Gansel advised that there have been a number of discussions held with the RMON/NRPS Joint Steering Committee on the 1 District building in terms of square footage and costs, and there is a substantial report that has been prepared by the BTY Group. The report breaks down the cost per square foot based on the various scenarios and the Joint Committee is aware of the funding that is available for the 1 District project. There have been a fair number of consulting cycles to refine the square footage numbers and at the last meeting it was decided that the report needs to be brought forward to the Board. A special Board meeting has been arranged for July 27th to move forward on the proposed square footage and costing of scenarios. With respect to a timeline, if the Board makes a decision on July 27th with approval to move forward, it is anticipated that an RFP on the build for the project would go out in October with a report back and selection confirmed in November. The ground breaking would likely take place in February/March 2018. However, this timeframe is based on the Board coming to a decision on July 27th with instructions back to the Region to finalize the blueprints. The length of the construction period would be approximately 16 months.

ADJOURNMENT

The Finance Committee Meeting adjourned at 10:06 am.

Bob Gale, Chair

Deb Reid, Executive Director