



## **LONDON POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

### **MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING**

Thursday November 19, 2020

Commencing at 1:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting, Webex

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**PRESENT:** J. Sukhera, Chair; Board Members J. Helmer, J. Lang, E. Holder, M. Cassidy and C. Wellenreiter; S. Williams, Chief of Police; T. McIntyre, Deputy Chief of Police, Operations; S. Betts, Deputy Chief of Police, Administration; P. Malone, Director of Legal Services; J. Atchison, LPS Researcher/Planner/Analyst; D. Tilley, Zone 6 Ministry Advisor; R. Robson, LPA Executive Director; J. Foster, Board Administrator; F. Ojo, Board Administrative Assistant; and two members of the media.

**REGRETS:** S. Toth, Vice Chair.

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Chair Sukhera provided updates since the last LPSB meeting October 15, 2020:

- We're two months into the new Board meeting structure.
- The Board's first Finance and Administration Committee meetings, in camera and public, occurred this morning chaired by Board Member, Jeff Lang.
- We expect a continuation of virtual LPSB meetings for the foreseeable future due to the state of the COVID-19 pandemic and its continuing impact in London. It will be a long winter and we all need to play our part to keep the community safe and healthy.
- Congratulations to Vice Chair Toth on being named to MP Peter Fragiskatos Honour Roll, announced October 30 2020.

Congratulations also to LPS Constable Evan Harrison, also an Honour Roll recipient, and was also named today to London's "Top 20 under 40".

The Honour Roll pays tribute to significant contributions made by citizens who live, work or volunteer in MP Fragiskatos' London North riding. Nominations are submitted by members of the public.

**1. Meeting called to order.**

**2. Disclosures of Interest – None**

### 3. Introduction of Addendum Items and New Business

- Special Investigations Unit (S.I.U.) Reports (2) - initially received at the Governance Committee meeting November 17<sup>th</sup>, shared as public information today.

**MOVED BY:** J. Lang

Seconded by: M. Cassidy

**“That the Board receives a verbal report related to Special Investigations Unit Reports (initially received at the Governance Committee meeting November 17<sup>th</sup>) – for the information of the public during item #7.”**

CARRIED

### 4. Minutes of the October 15, 2020 Public LPSB meeting

**MOVED BY:** E. Holder

Seconded by: C. Wellenreiter

**“That the minutes of the October 15, 2020 Public LPSB meeting be adopted as presented.”**

CARRIED

### 5. Updates from the November 17<sup>th</sup> Governance Committee Meeting and November 19<sup>th</sup> Finance and Administration Committee Meeting

Mr. Lang shared an update regarding the Board’s inaugural Finance and Administration Committee meeting held this morning prior to the LPSB meetings. During this meeting, the Committee worked out logistics and timing related to their quarterly meetings, the template for reports to be received at this meeting (Operating Budget Review Report to be received quarterly and Capital Budget Review Report to be received semi-annually). It was agreed that any discrepancies or more urgent financial matters will be brought to the attention of the committee by staff on a timely basis, as needed.

Chair Sukhera provided an update related to the Governance Committee meeting, that several regular business items were reviewed and time was spent discussing the Terms of Reference of the Board’s Anti-Racism and Mental Health and Addictions Advisory Panels. He said there will be further discussion about these Terms later in this meeting. Chair Sukhera added that along with in camera, both Committees hold public meetings in an effort to increase transparency.

**MOVED BY:** E. Holder

Seconded by: M. Cassidy

**“That the Board receive their Committee updates.”**

CARRIED

**6. Revised Advisory Panel Terms of Reference – Anti-Racism and Mental Health and Addictions Advisory Panels**

Chair Sukhera advised that the Terms of Reference are the result of extensive public engagement which garnered a considerable amount of feedback. He led the Board in discussion of the revised Terms, continuing the conversation from Tuesday’s Governance Committee meeting. He said the Board will move to the next step of seeking individuals to fill the community spots on the Panels.

**7. New Business**

Chief Williams introduced Kathy Leblanc, new LPS Corporate Communications Manager, and said LPS is excited for this position to be filled and that the Board will be seeing a lot more of Ms. Leblanc moving forward. Chair Sukhera said he is looking forward to working with Ms. Leblanc.

Deputy Chief McIntyre provided summaries of two Special Investigations Unit (S.I.U.) reports received at Tuesday’s Governance Committee meeting.

The first report related to an incident involving a motor vehicle collision with a police cruiser. The woman suffered a fracture to her arm. The investigation concluded that the officer was not at fault and LPS’s subsequent code of conduct parallel investigation concluded the officer did not violate any LPS procedures. The officer was cleared of any wrong-doing.

**MOVED BY:** J. Lang  
Seconded by: M. Cassidy

**“That the Board receive for informational purposes Deputy Chief McIntyre’s summary of the Special Investigations Unit report.”**

CARRIED

The second report involved an incident where a 34 year old male was observed by the police and was wanted on outstanding warrants including possession of a firearm. Officers saw the male enter an apartment. A Feeney Warrant was obtained to allow the officers entry into the apartment. When Emergency Response Unit (ERU) officers entered the apartment the male was non-compliant, would not show the officers his hands and kept putting his hands in and out of his pockets. Officers used knee strengths and their conductive energy weapons to take him to the ground. Eventually they were able to effect the arrest, however in doing so, the male was diagnosed with broken hands, possible broken ribs and a collapsed lung. Despite the multiple injuries, it was determined

the force used was commensurate with the male's actions and no charges were laid.

**MOVED BY:** M. Cassidy  
Seconded by: E. Holder

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Chair Sukhera noted the brevity of today’s meeting was due to the meeting and reporting cycle, and November is a quieter month for the various reports, statistics and other, which the Board receives on a regular basis. He also reminded that the call for community Anti-Racism and Mental Health and Addictions Advisory Panel members will be coming out soon.

## **8. Adjournment**

**MOVED BY:** M. Cassidy  
Seconded by: C. Wellenreiter

**“That the Board adjourn the Public meeting.”**

CARRIED

Time Noted: 1:06 p.m.

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Dr. Javeed Sukhera, Chair  
London Police Services Board  
Approved and signed December 17, 2020