



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA POLICE SERVICES BOARD

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING PUBLIC MINUTES

Thursday, November 5, 2020

ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

The Public Finance Committee Meeting commenced at 9:31 am.

ROLL CALL

PSB MEMBERS:

Mr. H. D'Angela, Committee Chair
Mr. B. Steele, A/Board Vice Chair
Mr. B. Gale
Mr. K. Gibson

Ms. D. Reid, Executive Director

NRPS MEMBERS:

Chief B. MacCulloch
Deputy Chief B. Flynn, Operational Services
Deputy Chief B. Fordy, Support Services
Ms. W. Shreve, General Counsel
Mr. A. Askoul, Director of Information Technology Services
Superintendent B. Ash, Emergency & Investigative Services
Superintendent M. Gianicco, District Operations
Superintendent D. Meade, Executive Services
Inspector L. Greco, Professional Standards
Mr. G. Holden, Records Manager
Ms. L. Rullo, Finance Manager
Ms. S. Sabourin, Corporate Communications Manager
Mr. C. Custers, Financial Analyst
Ms. M. Asher, Executive Assistant, Chief of Police
Ms. T. Ramsay, Executive Assistant, Deputy Chief of Police

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT/PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict or pecuniary interest.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2021 Niagara Regional Police Service and Police Services Board Proposed Operating Budget

The Board considered Service report dated October 28, 2020 providing the Board with the proposed operating budget for the Police Service and the Police Services Board resulting in a total net expenditure budget before indirect allocations of \$161,060,041 which is a 4.3% increase over the 2020 approved budget.

Chief MacCulloch provided the Board with a detailed presentation on the NRPS 2021 operating budget. He spoke about the mandated requirement to uphold all Provincial Adequacy Standards as set out in the *Police Services Act* and to ensure that the NRPS deliver adequate and effective policing to Niagara's communities. The 2021 proposed budget aligns with the Board's Strategic Plan and identifies the resources needed to ensure the successful achievement of its goals which are focused on public safety, community collaboration and engagement and enhancing organizational excellence. The majority of the base increase for 2021 is related to wage settlements and program changes to improve operational efficiency in the areas of police records, forensic services, missing persons, member support, and the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Unit. Budget risks and opportunities were highlighted including costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic, loss of revenue from the City of Niagara Falls OLG transfer payments and use of the Region's taxpayer relief fund, maintaining provincial grant funding levels, completion of the additional 40-officer hiring program, achievement of the goals set out in the Strategic Plan and various technology enhancements.

After a general discussion and clarification of items raised by the Board Members, the Committee supported the Service's budget submission and approved the recommendations as presented.

Moved by: B. Gale
Seconded by: K. Gibson

That the Board approve the proposed 2021 Operating Budget for the Police Service and the Police Services Board resulting in a Total Net Expenditure Budget before Indirect Allocations of \$161,060,041;

And further, that the 2021 Operating Budget for the Police Service and the Police Services Board be submitted to Regional Council for approval.

Carried.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

There was no other new business.

ADJOURNMENT

The Public Finance Committee Meeting adjourned at 10:11 am.

William C. Steele, Acting Chair

Deb Reid, Executive Director