



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
POLICE SERVICE BOARD
PUBLIC MINUTES

Thursday, October 31, 2024
Niagara Regional Police Service - Headquarters
Community Room 1st Floor, 5700 Valley Way, Niagara Falls

PSB MEMBERS:

J. Lawson, Chair
N. Kapisavanhu, Vice Chair
P. Chiocchio, Board Member
K. Gibson, Board Member
L. Ip, Board Member
T. McKendrick, Board Member
B. Steele, Board Member

D. Reid, Executive Director
D. Cichocki, Executive Assistant

NRPS MEMBERS:

Chief B. Fordy
Deputy Chief L. Greco, Support Services
Deputy Chief T. Waselovich, Operational Services
C. Gauley, General Counsel
A. Askoul, Director of Information Technology
L. Blood, Director of Human Resources
L. Rullo, Director of Finance and Asset Management
Superintendent D. Forbes, Operational Support
Superintendent M. Lagrotteria, District Operations
Superintendent S. Staniforth, Executive Services
A/Superintendent S. Magistrale, Emergency Investigative Services
A/Inspector D. Savoie, Executive Officer, Chief of Police
D/Sergeant R. Aceti, Executive Officer to D/C Support Services
Sergeant J. Vanderspek, Canine Unit
R. Audeh, Corporate Strategy and Innovation Manager
C. Woods, Financial Planning Coordinator
M. Asher, Executive Assistant to the Chief

OTHERS:

P. McGilly, President, Niagara Region Police Association

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Public Meeting of the Niagara Police Service Board commenced at 9:31 am.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

The Board began its meeting by acknowledging that the Niagara Region is situated on treaty land. This land is steeped in the rich history of the First Nations such as the Hatiwendaronk, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishinaabe, including the Mississauga's of the Credit First Nation. There are many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people from across Turtle Island that live and work in Niagara today. The Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Service Board stands with all Indigenous people, past and present, in promoting the wise stewardship of the lands on which we live.

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT/PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict or pecuniary interest.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held Thursday, September 26, 2024

Moved by: P. Chiocchio
Seconded by: K. Gibson

That the Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held Thursday, September 26, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. REPORTS FROM BOARD CHAIR

CAPG Webinar Sessions - The Canadian Association of Police Governance hosts monthly webinars as part of their educational strategy to keep Police Boards and Police Executives across Canada apprised of issues currently affecting the policing community. Two webinars were held in October, one entitled “Hate Crimes & Radicalization in your Community?” and one entitled “The Voices of Change - Pioneering Leadership, Redefining Culture and Evaluating Recruitment Standards in Policing.” Recorded copies of the webinars are sent to Board Members for their viewing.

Town of Pelham – NRPS Presentation to Council - On October 2, Chair Lawson and Vice Chair Kapisavanhu joined Chief Fordy and District Commander Inspector Dave Gomez at the Town of Pelham Council meeting. Chief Fordy and Inspector Gomez addressed council members and provided a presentation on the policing programs that are offered throughout the Niagara Region. They also took the opportunity to address any questions or concerns that are specific to the Town of Pelham to ensure that the needs of the community are met through favourable solutions.

Nurturing Our Roots Traditional Pow Wow - On October 5, Vice Chair Kapisavanhu joined members of the Service at the 10th Annual Nurturing Our Roots Traditional Pow Wow. The Pow Wow was held at the Meridian Centre in St. Catharines and participants came together to honour the rich traditions and culture of the Indigenous community.

NRPS EDI Learning Event - Hinduism & Diwali Celebration - On October 9, Members of the Service’s Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Unit hosted a learning event that featured guest speaker Vivek Gupta. Vivek discussed the meaning and significance of Hinduism and Diwali celebrations. He also provided insight into his spiritual teachings and the reasoning behind those teachings.

NRPS 2025 Budget Education Session/Workshop - Closed Session - On October 10, a budget workshop, training and education session was held with the Board and the Niagara Regional Police Service about the 2025 Proposed Operating Budget. The purpose of the session was to educate Members of the Board on the 2025 Police Operating Budget. The education session was held in accordance with s. 44 (6) of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, and was closed to the public. No decisions, directions or minutes were taken or recorded at the workshop. The Board will consider the 2025 Proposed Operating Budget as part of today’s agenda.

IACP Conference "Equipped to Innovate" - The International Association of Chiefs of Police hosted their Annual Conference and Exposition from October 19 to 22 at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center in Boston, Massachusetts. The theme of the conference was entitled “Equipped to Innovate” and the program offered thousands of law enforcement delegates from around the world a wide variety of information sessions and workshops that related to the policing profession. Chair Lawson, Vice Chair Kapisavanhu, Members Chiocchio, McKendrick and Executive Director Reid attended the conference, along with Chief Fordy, Deputy Chief Waselovich and members of the Service’s Senior Leadership Team.

NRPS Recruit Swearing In Ceremony - On October 24, Chair Lawson joined Chief Fordy and members of the Senior Officers' Association at a Swearing-in Ceremony to welcome 12 new recruit members and 6 currently serving police officers to the Niagara Regional Police Service, and 2 new recruit members to the Niagara Parks Police Service. The ceremony was held at police headquarters and provided the Board and Service representatives an opportunity to become acquainted with Niagara's newest police officers and to meet the members of their families that were in attendance to share in their success.

Building Bridges - Evidence Based Policing Conference - On November 7 and 8, Barrie Police Service, Durham Regional Police Service, and the Canadian Society of Evidence-Based Policing will be co-presenting the "Building Bridges Evidence-Based Policing Conference" at Blue Mountain Resort and Village Conference Centre. The conference is being supported by the Canadian Association of Police Governance, the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police and the Ontario Association of Police Service Boards. The agenda will explore topics such as: Introduction to Evidence Based Policing, Change Management, Recruitment & Retention, Resilience & Wellness, Professionalization of Policing, Innovation & Future of Policing, Police Legitimacy, and more. Chair Lawson, Executive Director Reid and Superintendent Lagrotteria will be attending the conference.

NRPS Promotion Ceremony - On November 7, the Niagara Regional Police Service is hosting a Promotion Ceremony at Police Headquarters in the Community Room. The ceremony will recognize and celebrate 12 members that have been recently promoted to the ranks of Sergeant, Staff Sergeant, Manager and Director. Vice Chair Kapisavanhu and Member Chiocchio will be attending the event on behalf of the Board.

NRPS Annual Awards Ceremony - On November 19, the Niagara Regional Police Service, along with the Niagara Police Service Board, the Niagara Region Police Association and the Senior Officers' Association will host the Police Annual Awards Ceremony. This event recognizes outstanding Service Members and fellow citizens who have demonstrated excellence or made invaluable contributions to the Niagara community, along with Service retirees and long-standing employees for their commitment to the Service. The ceremony is being held at Club Italia in Niagara Falls. Doors open at 4:00 pm and the ceremony will begin at 5:15 pm. All Board Members and staff will be attending the event.

OAPSB Labour Conference - On November 26 and 27, the Ontario Association of Police Service Boards will host their 2024 Annual Labour Conference at the Hilton Toronto Airport Hotel in Mississauga. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn more about the police labour relations landscape across Ontario. Topics include: WSIB, legal trends and case studies, the impact that culture has on recruiting and retention, the operations of the Inspectorate of Policing and the prevalence of mental health disorder symptoms among police service personnel. There will also be a workshop on coordinated bargaining and Board Solicitor Woody McKaig will be part of the panel discussions. Chair Lawson, Vice Chair Kapisavanhu, Members Chiocchio and Gibson, Board Solicitor McKaig and Executive Director Reid will be attending the conference.

Upcoming Police Service Board Meetings - There are no Committee meetings scheduled in November. The Board's next scheduled regular monthly Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 28, and will begin at 9:30 am in the Community Room at Police Headquarters.

6. **REPORTS FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE**

Moment of Silence – Meeting attendees paid tribute to retired Inspector John Sawicki and Constable Steven Philips who sadly passed away during October 2024. At the time of their death, Steve was assigned to the Port Colborne Detachment and John was recently retired. Both will be deeply missed by their police colleagues.

Community Safety

Members continue their tireless efforts in serving the Niagara community and seeking justice for victims and their families.

The Niagara Regional Police Service is currently dealing with 12 homicides this year and 19 traffic fatalities. Specific to the homicide of Randy Fader that occurred in Niagara Falls in April, members of the Homicide Unit worked with the FBI, US Homeland Security, the US Drug Enforcement Administration, the Los Angeles Police Department, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, OPP, Toronto Police Service, and Peel Regional Police. This multi-jurisdictional, expansive investigation led to the arrests of those responsible with the NRPS Homicide Unit playing an integral role.

The Service was also involved Project Opal, a multi-jurisdictional investigation into eight bank robberies that occurred between December 8, 2022 and March 16, 2024 within areas policed by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and Barrie, Belleville, Durham, Niagara and York police services/regional police services. Although each police service investigated their respective incidents, in August 2023, the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch (CIB) became involved to coordinate the investigation into the suspects. Similar characteristics in the robberies pointed to a single group of perpetrators entering the banks prior to closing. They wore different masks and clothing and displayed at least one handgun at each robbery. In the last six robberies, bank employees were bound. Investigators have determined that the suspects are responsible for more than \$2 million in reported losses across eight banks, to which the money has yet to be recovered. On June 21, three suspects were arrested during an attempted robbery in Field, Ontario, by the OPP Tactics and Rescue Unit and the Aviation Unit, with support from OPP West Nipissing Major Crime and CIB. A fourth suspect was arrested on September 25 in Vaughan, Ontario, and a fifth suspect was charged and remains wanted. The investigation remains ongoing with no one charged at this time in connection with the robbery in Niagara at the Portage Road Meridian Credit Union.

The Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OAPC) Board of Directors meeting took place in Niagara Falls on October 7 and 8. Many relevant topics and items were discussed and NRPS Sergeant Ray Aceti gave a comprehensive presentation on Provincial Financial Crimes Guidelines.

Senior Leaders and Board Members attended the International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference. Information sessions shed light on international common themes in policing, recruitment, retention, peer support teams, inclusivity, which are all subjects being experienced in North America and are matters that the Niagara Regional Police Service is very alive to and currently addressing.

The Niagara Regional Police Service is proud to be hosting an Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police – Equity, Diversity and Inclusion course at police headquarters in early November. Course participants will include police members from around the province.

Community Engagement

September/October 2024 - At the end of September and beginning of October, the Service participated in events marking the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, which included the 4th Annual Unity Walk in Fort Erie and the Pow Wow that took place at the Meridian Center in St Catharines, organized by the Fort Erie and Niagara Native Friendship Centers respectively. The Service also paid respect and recognized the painful truths of the past by having flags raised and lowered at policing facilities throughout the Region.

October 2, 2024 – Police attended Mayor Ganann’s Youth Advisory Committee in Lincoln to listen, interact and get valuable input from youth on their concerns to help make informed decisions.

October 4, 2024 – Chief Fordy met with the Mayor of Thorold, Terry Ugolini, and Thorold’s Chief Administrative Officer. Police staff will be attending one of their council meetings in the spring.

October 7, 2024 – The Service hosted the Chief of Police Inclusion Council meeting. During the meeting, the Canadian Hearing Services provided a presentation that outlined their programs and services that are being offered to members of the community.

October 17, 2024 – The NRPS recruit class participated in a diversity tour that visited local faith groups and organizations including the Salem Chapel in St Catharines, Niagara Folk Arts Multicultural Center, Islamic Society of Niagara, Niagara Regional Native Centre, and the Niagara Sikh Gurdwara. This was a learning and educational day to support the Service's ongoing commitment to understanding and inclusiveness.

October 23, 2024 - Members of the NRPS Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Unit attended the Welland Heritage Council and Multicultural Centre to present on recognizing and reporting hate crimes, as well as the rights and responsibilities for those newcomers who are tenants in Ontario.

October 23, 2024 - Members of the Child Abuse Unit, Deputy Chief Greco, and Chief Fordy attended the Penner Home Hardware Brave Hearts Gala, benefitting the Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre, supporting the courageous children and guardians of Niagara.

October 24, 2024 – Senior police personnel witnessed the Service's new recruit class graduation ceremony to officially welcomed 18 new officers.

Member Wellness

September 29, 2024 – Police personnel attended the Canadian Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Service on Parliament Hill in Ottawa to honour and remember Canada's fallen officers. Almost 100 NRPS members were in attendance to pay their respects.

October 1 & 2, 2024 - The Invisible Wounds Conference was held in Niagara Falls relating to first responders and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Deputy Chief Waselovich offered opening comments and the members from the NRPS Member Support Unit were also in attendance.

October 9, 2024 – As previously mentioned by Chair Lawson, the Service welcomed spiritual leader Shri Vivek Gupta from the Chinmaya Mission in Niagara Falls to learn more about Hinduism and the Diwali Celebration.

7. PRESENTATIONS

7.1 NRPS Canine (K9) Unit

The Service will provide a presentation on the NRPS K9 Unit, which supports the front-line uniform patrol and specialty units in general patrol and detection.

Moved by: L. Ip

Seconded by: N. Kapisavanhu

That the presentation be received.

Carried

7.2 NRPS Citizen Police Academy

The Service will provide a presentation on its Citizen Police Academy launched by the Niagara Regional Police Service to foster greater understanding and collaboration between law enforcement and the community.

Moved by: T. McKendrick

Seconded by: B. Steele

That the presentation be received.

Carried

8. CONSENT AGENDA

8.1 Quarterly Report - NRPS Authorized Strength as at October 1, 2024

Service report dated October 2, 2024 providing a summary of the actual versus the authorized strength by rank/salary band of the uniform and civilian complement of the Niagara Regional Police Service.

8.2 Quarterly Report - Overtime Activities Incurred by the NRPS - April 1 to June 30, 2024

Service report dated October 1, 2024 providing the Board with a five-year uniform and civilian quarterly and year-to-date overtime trend analysis for the second quarter of 2024.

8.3 Quarterly Report - Administration of the Public Complaints System - July 1 to September 30, 2024

Service report dated October 7, 2024 submitted in accordance with the quarterly reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 434-2024.

8.4 Quarterly Report - Special Constables - Brock University Campus Safety Services - July 1 to September 30, 2024

Report dated October 1, 2024 from Jennifer Guarasci, Acting Vice President, Administration, Brock University, providing a quarterly report about complaints, use of force, discipline and arrests associated to officers designated as Special Constables and employed with Brock University Campus Safety Services.

8.5 Annual Report - Crime Analysis - January 1 to December 31, 2023

Service report dated October 2, 2024 submitted in accordance with the annual reporting requirements set out in Board By-law 439-2024.

Moved by: K. Gibson

Seconded by: L. Ip

That the information be received.

Carried

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Police Service Board By-law – Administration of the Police Service

Correspondence dated October 11, 2024 from Deb Reid, Executive Director, Niagara Police Service Board, requesting the Board approve a draft by-law relating to the requirement of the Board to establish a policy for the administration of the police service as required for compliance with the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA), and its Regulations.

Moved by: N. Kapisavanhu

Seconded by: T. McKendrick

That the Board adopt the draft by-law as appended to the report, effective October 31, 2024;

And further, that the Board Chair and Executive Director be authorized to make any supplementary administrative amendments to the by-law, that may be required following any additional clarification of the CSPA and its Regulations that may be received by the Ministry of the Solicitor General.

Carried

9.2 Purchasing Card (PCard) Program Review for Years 2022 and 2023

Service report dated October 8, 2024 recommending procedural changes that will improve the effectiveness of the PCard program and address any concerns identified through the Service review that was performed for the years 2022 and 2023, in compliance with Board By-law 412-2024 to verify the financial control framework is effective in ensuring PCard transactions are properly processed, safeguarded, and compliant with relevant policy.

Moved by: B. Steele
Seconded by: P. Chiocchio

That the Niagara Police Service Board support the findings and approve the recommendations to the Service's procurement card (PCard) program as detailed in "Appendix 2" of the report.

Carried

9.3 2025 Budget - Service Partnership Funding Model

Service report dated October 9, 2024 requesting the Board approve the recommended Service Partnership Funding Model to officiate continued funding support from the NRPS operating budget to four partnership agencies; namely, Crime Stoppers, Kristin French Child Advocacy Centre, Niagara Safety Village and Victim Services Niagara.

Moved by: K. Gibson
Seconded by: N. Kapisavanhu

That the Niagara Police Service Board:

- 1. Authorize the Chief of Police to prepare Memorandum of Understandings and include a clause to adjust the funding for years 2026 and 2027 with an inflationary increase for Crime Stoppers of Niagara (Crime Stoppers), Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre (KFCAC), and Victim Services Niagara (VSN) for a 3-year term effective January 1, 2025; and with Niagara Safety Village for a 2-year term effective January 1, 2025 ;**
- 2. Approve partnership funding for the 2025 operating budget at \$50,000.00 for Crime Stoppers, \$50,000.00 for Niagara Safety Village, \$75,000.00 for VSN and \$100,000.00 for KFCAC;**
- 3. Approve partnership funding for the 2026 operating budget at \$25,000.00 for Niagara Safety Village, \$50,000.00 for Crime Stoppers, \$100,000.00 for KFCAC and \$100,000.00 for VSN; and**
- 4. Approve partnership funding for the 2027 operating budget at \$50,000.00 for Crime Stoppers, \$112,500.00 for KFCAC and \$112,500.00 for VSN.**

Carried

The meeting was recessed at 10:46 am and reconvened at 10:51 am

9.4 Budget – 2025 Proposed Operating Budget

Service report dated October 22, 2024 providing the 2025 proposed operating budget for the Police Service and the Police Service Board at a total net expenditure budget before indirect allocations of \$216,958,546; which in order to provide adequate and effective police services in Niagara Region while maintaining core policing services, represents an inflationary adjustment of 9.0% from the 2024 and includes an additional 0.2% increase for the capital financing strategy and a 5.9% increase for stabilization, service enhancements and growth. *(A copy of the NRPS Proposed Operating Budget presentation is included.)*

Moved by: L. Ip
Seconded by: B. Steele

That the Niagara Police Service Board receive and approve the proposed 2025 Operating Budget for the Niagara Regional Police Service and Board resulting in a Total Net Expenditure Budget before Indirect Allocations of \$216,958,546.00;

And further, that the consolidated budget of the Service and the Board be submitted to Regional Council for approval.

Carried

9.5 Special Fund Request - Association of Black Law Enforcers (ABLE) - Scholarship and Awards Gala

Service report dated September 4, 2024 requesting the Board approve a special fund donation for the purchase of a table for police representation at the ABLE Scholarship and Awards Gala being held November 16, 2024. Funds raised at the event will assist with tuition fees of successful candidates pursuing post-secondary education in specific law enforcement related areas of study. *(Previous Donation: 2023 - \$1,500.)*

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

That the Niagara Police Service Board approve a donation in the amount of \$1,500.00 from the Special Fund for the purchase of a table at the Association of Black Law Enforcers Scholarship (ABLE) and Awards Gala.

Carried

9.6 Special Fund Request - Celebrating South Asians in Policing Gala Dinner

Service report dated October 2, 2024 requesting the Board approve a special fund donation for the purchase of a table for police representation at the Celebrating South Asians in Policing Gala Dinner being held on November 15, 2024, which will provide opportunity for members of the Service to strengthen the relationship with South Asian police officers and better serve and build on the positive relationship with Niagara's South Asian community members. *(This is a first-time funding request.)*

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

That the Niagara Police Service Board approve a donation in the amount of \$560.00 from the Special Fund for the purchase of a table at the Celebrating South Asians in Policing Gala Dinner event.

Carried

9.7 Special Fund Request - Ghanaian-Canadian Law Enforcement Officers' Dinner

Service report dated October 16, 2024 requesting the Board approve a special fund donation to purchase a table for police representation at the Celebrating Ghanaian-Canadian Law Enforcement Officers dinner event, which will provide opportunity for members of the Service to strengthen the relationship with Ghanaian police officers and better serve and build on the positive relationship with the Ghanaian community in Niagara Region. *(This is a first-time funding request.)*

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

That the Niagara Police Service Board approve a donation in the amount of \$500.00 from the Special Fund for the purchase of a table at the Celebrating Ghanaian-Canadian Law Enforcement Officers' Dinner.

Carried

9.8 Special Fund Request - Out of the Cold Program

Service report dated October 3, 2024 requesting the Board approve a special fund donation to the Out of the Cold Dinner Program to help offset the ongoing cost of food and supplies needed to provide hot meals to homeless/vulnerable individuals during the winter months. *(Previous donations are as follows: 2014- 2015 - \$300; 2016-2018; 2020-2022 - \$500; 2023 - \$1,500.)*

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

That the Niagara Police Service Board approve a donation in the amount of \$2,000.00 from the Special Fund to the Out of the Cold Dinner Program.

Carried

9.9 Special Fund Request - Niagara Regional Police Pipe Band

Service report dated October 4, 2024 requesting the Board approve a special fund donation to the Niagara Regional Police Pipe Band to assist with off-setting costs to replace dated and unreliable drum equipment and ultimately assist the Band with representing themselves and the Service with a professional and reenergized appearance. *(Previous Donations: 2002-2003 - \$5,000; 2004-2006 - \$6,000; 2008 - \$8,000; 2009 - \$6,000; 2016 - \$1,000; 2020 - \$2,500.)*

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

That the Niagara Police Service Board approve a donation in the amount of \$5,000.00 to the Niagara Regional Police Pipe Band to assist with the purchase of drum equipment upgrades.

Carried

9.10 Special Fund Request - NRPS Citizen Police Academy

Service report dated September 25, 2024 requesting the Board approve a special fund donation to assist the Service with costs associated with the operations of the NRPS Citizen Police Academy that includes eight, two-hour, weekly information sessions and a graduation event in week nine. *(This is a first-time funding request.)*

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

That the Niagara Police Service Board approve a donation in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the Special Fund to the Niagara Regional Police Service in support of its Citizen Police Academy.

Carried

9.11 Special Fund Request - NRPS Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Team

Service report dated October 15, 2024 requesting the Board approve a special fund donation to assist with the costs incurred by members of the NRPS Brazilian JiuJitsu Team participating in a roll-a-thon charity event on November 2, 2024 being hosted by the Toronto Police Service to raise funds for SickKids - The Hospital for Sick Children. *(Previous Donation: 2023 - \$2,000.)*

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

That the Niagara Police Service Board approve a donation in the amount of \$2,000.00 from the Special Fund to the NRPS Brazilian JiuJitsu Team participating in a roll-a-thon charity event.

Carried

9.12 Special Fund Request - Auto Theft Prevention Campaign – Faraday Bags

Service report dated September 25, 2024 requesting the Board approve a special fund donation to assist the Service with costs incurred for the continued distribution of faraday bags, from police District front desks across the Niagara Region, to interested residents. *(This is a first-time funding request.)*

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

That the Niagara Police Service Board approve a donation in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the Special Fund to the Niagara Regional Police Service in support of its Auto Theft Preventative Campaign and the distribution of Faraday Bags.

Carried

10. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

There was no other new business raised or discussed.

11. IN CAMERA REPORTS

11.1 Police Service Board – Draft Operating Budget for 2025

Report dated August 29, 2024 from Deb Reid, Executive Director, Niagara Police Service Board, proposing a 2025 operating budget that ensures the Board's continuation of its statutory police governance and oversight responsibilities.

11.2 Special Investigations Unit - Case Number 23-OFD-434 - Incident of October 23, 2023

Service report dated July 30, 2024 advising that the SIU concluded their investigation in this matter and found no grounds for criminal charges against any police officer, and also advising that in compliance with S.32 of Ontario Regulation 268/10 made under the Police Services Act, the Service completed its review and investigation into this matter and concluded that there are no identified policy/service/officer conduct issues.

Moved by: P. Chiochio
Seconded by: K. Gibson

That, in accordance with Board direction, the Board's decision(s) and/or in camera report(s) be made available to the public.

Carried

12. MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

Moved by: L. Ip

Seconded by: N. Kapisavanhu

That the Board move into Closed Session for consideration of confidential matters pursuant to Section 44 of the Community Safety and Policing Act, namely for subject-matter related to potential litigation, human resources matters, information supplied in confidence by the Ministry of the Solicitor General and from vendors for contract awards, as well as legal matters that are subject to solicitor-client privilege.

Carried

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Public Meeting adjourned at 1:17 pm.

Jen Lawson, Chair

Deb Reid, Executive Director