

# AGENDA – OPEN SESSION MEETING THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 AT 9:30 AM CORNWALL CIVIC COMPLEX SALON 'B'

#### **Excerpt from the Ontario Police Services Act:**

#### Meetings

35. (1) The board shall hold at least four meetings each year.

#### Ouorum

(2) A majority of the members of the board constitutes a quorum.

#### Proceedings open to the public

(3) Meetings and hearings conducted by the board shall be open to the public, subject to subsection (4), and notice of them shall be published in the manner that the board determines.

#### Exception

- (4) The board may exclude the public from all or part of a meeting or hearing if it is of the opinion that,
  - (a) matters involving **public security** may be disclosed and, having regard to the circumstances, the desirability of avoiding their disclosure in the public interest outweighs the desirability of adhering to the principle that proceedings be open to the public; or
  - (b) intimate financial or personal matters or other matters may be disclosed of such a nature, having regard to the circumstances, that the desirability of avoiding their disclosure in the interest of any person affected or in the public interest outweighs the desirability of adhering to the principle that proceedings be open to the public. R.S.O. 1990, c. P.15, s. 35.
- Call to Order: Acknowledgement that we are meeting on the traditional territory of the Mohawk People of Akwesasne
- Roll Call
- Approval of the Agenda
- Conflict of Interest Declaration
  - 1. Adoption of the Open Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2022
  - 2. 2021 Annual Report Chief Spowart
  - 3. Homelessness Presentation Deputy Chief Foy
  - 4. Armoured Rescue Vehicle Presentation Chief Spowart/S/Sgt Knezevic
  - 5. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Professional Standards Report Deputy Chief Foy
  - 6. Response to MACDOUGALL Inquest Recommendations Deputy Chief Foy
  - 7. Response to EKAMBA Inquest Recommendations Chief Spowart
  - 8. Policy Review Committee Update Secretary Cousineau/Chair MacDonald
  - 9. Invoices legal costs Secretary Cousineau
  - 10. Funding Request Kids, Cops and Fishing event Secretary Cousineau
  - 11. Correspondence:
    - a. J. Poapst Chief Spowart
    - b. Thank You messages Hospice and Boys & Girls Club Secretary Cousineau
  - 12. Zone 2 Upcoming Meeting Reminder Secretary Cousineau
  - 13 Presentation to Director B. Beattie Chair MacDonald

ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN SESSION POSSIBLE CONTINUATION OF IN CAMERA SESSION TO FOLLOW



# MINUTES - OPEN SESSION MEETING - CPSB JUNE 9, 2022 CORNWALL CIVIC COMPLEX SALON 'B' 9:30 AM

#### Call to Order and Roll Call:

**Present:** Ms. Elaine MacDonald - Chair

Mr. Michel Payette - Vice-Chair Mayor Glen Grant - Director Mr. William Beattie - Director

Ms. Shawna Spowart - Chief of Police
Mr. Vincent Foy - Deputy Chief
Ms. Carmen Cousineau - Secretary

**Guests:** S/Sgt. George Knezevic

Sgt. Jamie Day

S/Sgt. Robin McIntosh

**Regrets:** Ms. Martha Woods - Director

Acknowledgement that we are meeting on the traditional territory of the Mohawk People of Akwesasne

### Approval of the Agenda:

Moved by: Mr. Glen Grant Seconded by: Mr. Michel Payette

That the agenda, be amended to include DC Foy as the presenter of the "Right to Disconnect Policy" All in favour.

MOTION CARRIED

Conflict of Interest: None declared

# 1. Adoption of the Open Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2022.

Moved by: Mr. Glen Grant Seconded by: Mr. Bill Beattie

That the May Meeting Minutes be approved. All in favour. MOTION CARRIED

## **New Business & Correspondence:**

**2. Moment of Silence** in memory of Carole Anne Levac, the CPS Quality Assurance Manager and long-standing member of the Senior Leadership Team who passed away May 19, 2022.

Moved by:

Mr. Michel Payette

Seconded by:

Mr. Bill Beattie

3. Charitable Donation on behalf of Carole Anne Levac - Vice Chair Mike Payette In honour Carole Anne, being an active member of the senior leadership team, that a donation of \$100 be given to Hospice Cornwall. All in favour.

**MOTION CARRIED** 

# 4. Promotion Announcements - Chief Spowart

Constable **Jamie Day** began his career with CPS in 2003, in 2011 he transferred to the Criminal Investigation Unit and returned to patrol in 2019. He was instrumental in the Piper Project created to reward youth for positive behaviour. He has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant on May 13, 2022

Acting Staff Sergeant Robin McIntosh began his career in 2001 and has worked in various units within CPS and has been active on many community events and charities. He was promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant on May 13, 2022.

The board thanked the officers for their commitment and congratulated them on their recent promotions.

# 5. Employee Recognition - Cst. Justin Lafleur - Chief Spowart

In April, following his 12-hour shift, Cst. Justin Lafleur observed a potential motor vehicle in distress. Due to his keen eye and policing instinct, he immediately took control of the scene, notified 911 and began assisting an off-duty nurse with life saving measures, including CPR. He remained on scene until the care of the individual was transferred to EMS.

Moved by:

Mr. Glen Grant

Seconded by: Mr. Bill Beattie

That Cst. Lafleur be issued a letter from the board commending him for his investigative instinct, quick response, and dedication to duty because of his actions on that day. All in favour. **MOTION CARRIED** 

6. Staff Presentation - Hybrid Vehicles - S/Sgt George Knezevic

CPS has added three new 2021 Hybrid Ford Explorers vehicles to its fleet as a means of becoming a more environmentally conscious police service. They are replacing older police vehicles that need to be cycled out of circulation. (PowerPoint presentation included in the supporting documents).

**7. First Quarter Financial Statement** – Chief Spowart provided an overview of the financial statements for both CPS and the CPS Board Accounts (Statements included in the supporting documents).

Moved by: Mr. Michel Payette Seconded by: Mr. Bill Beattie

That the Financial Statements be received. All in favour. MOTION CARRIED

**8. CPSB Right to Disconnect Policy:** Deputy Chief Foy provided an overview of both the CPS Right to Disconnect Policy General Order ADM 141 and the associated proposed Board Policy. (Policies included in the supporting documents).

Moved by: Mr. Glen Grant Seconded by: Mr. Bill Beattie

That CPSB approve the Right to Disconnect Policy as presented. All in favour.

**MOTION CARRIED** 

### 9. Police Auction Results Report - Deputy Chief Foy

Gross proceeds of the 2022 online auction (minus commission and expenses), resulted in net proceeds of **\$6,800.44** to the CPS Board. Due to the commissions and expenses involved the selection of the Auctioneer be done following fair and equitable contract protocols.

Moved by: Mr. Glen Grant Seconded by: Mr. Bill Beattie

That, moving forward, auctions be conducted via the recommended on-line platform continue. All in favour.

MOTION CARRIED

**10. OAPSB Spring Conference Update** – Chair MacDonald attended the conference and found it to be very informative and had knowledgeable speakers. The four main topics included Modernization of Police Boards, Human Trafficking,

Policing in 2023 and beyond and EDI (Equity Diversity and Inclusivity). There were discussions regarding the changes that would likely be in the new Police Services Act and the need to work collaboratively with community agencies.

- **11. Upcoming Zone 2 Meeting June 17, 2022 in Napanee** Secretary Cousineau reminded members that the deadline for registration is June 10<sup>th</sup> both Mr. Grant and Chair MacDonald will be attending.
- **12. Request for Funding** Boys and Girls Club Cornwall/SDG Secretary Cousineau has received a request to sponsor their annual golf tournament.

Moved by: Mr. Glen Grant Seconded by: Mr. Bill Beattie

That \$500 be approved from the Board Account to sponsor the tournament. All in favour.

MOTION CARRIED

**13. TD Canada Trust – Signing Authorities** – Secretary Cousineau explained that with the change of Board Secretary it is necessary to update the Board Bank Account signing officers.

Moved by: Mr. Michel Payette Seconded by: Mr. Bill Beattie

That the change of signing authorities be approved. All in favour.

**MOTION CARRIED** 

- **14. Upcoming Board Meeting Schedule:** The CPSB does not meet again until September. Secretary Cousineau will distribute a short survey to board members to confirm their preference in terms of dates and times for meetings.
- 15. Adjournment of Open Session:

Moved by: Mr. Michel Payette Seconded by: Mr. Bill Beattie

That this meeting be adjourned 10:30 a.m.

**MOTION CARRIED** 

Councillor Elaine MacDonald, Chair

Carmen Cousineau, Secretary



# **CORNWALL POLICE SERVICE**

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# **CPS REVEALS NEW ARMOURED RESCUE VEHICLE**



SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Cornwall, ON – The Cornwall Police Service (CPS) has purchased a new Armoured Rescue Vehicle (ARV) to enhance officer and public safety. The vehicle will provide members of the Cornwall Emergency Response Team (CERT) greater capacity to handle high-risk situations that would require an elevated level of protection.

The CPS had previously received a loaned 1996 VIP Armoured Vehicle from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, which has come to the end of its lifespan and is in need of extensive and costly repairs.

The CPS has purchased a demo-model ARV from Zodiac Engineering at a cost of \$95,000.00 before taxes. After comparing a variety of options, it was recognized that there would be significant savings as a result of it being a demo-model, with brand new ARV's being sold at costs exceeding \$400,000.00. Despite being a demo, the vehicle joins the CPS fleet having never been deployed in any police operations.

The funds to purchase the ARV were taken from the existing 2022 CPS Fleet Budget, after learning that no new standard police vehicles were available for purchase due to supply chain delays. This created an opportunity to realign funds already contained in the 2022 Fleet Budget, and put them towards the purchase of the ARV; therefore, not incurring any additional costs to taxpayers.

Once deployed this fall, the ARV will be used by CERT in situations involving injured person rescue, citizen evacuation, negotiations, barricaded persons and when responding to high-risk warrants involving firearms and weapons. The ARV offers the necessary ballistic coverage to protect the occupants of the vehicle and is solely used for rescue purposes, without having any offensive capabilities. The vehicle will only be used in high-risk incidents and for police training purposes. It will not be used for random or routine patrol calls for service.

"The ARV will provide officers and members of the public with an elevated level of safety," said Officer in Charge of Infrastructure Services, George Knezevic. "With a changing climate in policing and public safety, officers need to be prepared for every possible scenario and require the necessary protection to keep themselves and others safe during rescue operations."

In 2021, police responded to 49 incidents involving weapons, which is up 6.5% from the previous year. So far in 2022, CERT has been deployed in two situations involving firearms where the ARV would be instrumental in evacuating citizens from an imminent threat in the area.

The vehicle is being officially presented to the Cornwall Police Services Board on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 and will be deployed upon completion of officer training on use of the vehicle this fall.

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# CORNWALL POLICE SERVICE PART V – POLICE SERVICE ACT – COMPLAINTS



# STATISTICAL REPORT 2<sup>ND</sup> Quarter of 2022

CON	IPLAINT DETAILS	New	Under Investigation Incl. Prev. Yr	Resolved This Quarter	Total Year to Date	Total Previous Year's
TYPE	OF COMPLAINT					
Α	Public Complaints-Policy or Service Complaints	0	0	0	0	2
В	Public Complaints-Conduct Complaints	4	2	0	9	21
С	Public complaints- Including Both A & B	-	-		-	-
D	Internal Complaints (Chief's Complaints)	0	2	0	1	1
E	Local Complaints	0	-	-	-	1
F	Customer Service Resolutions	0	-	-	-	-
TYPE	OF ALLEGATIONS *- CONDUCT COMPLAINTS					
Α	Discreditable Conduct	1	-	-	4	11
В	Unlawful or Unnecessary Exercise of Authority	1	-	-	3	7
С	Neglect of Duty	1	1	-	1	7
D	Harassment-Racial	-	-	-	-	-
E	Harassment-Sexual	-	-	-	-	-
F	Harassment-other	-	-	-	-	-
G	Firearm Discharge	-	-	-	-	-
Н	Bias-Based Profiling	-	-	-		-
I	Regulated Interaction – Collection of Identifying		_	_	_	_
	information			_	_	_
J	Others: Use profane, abusive or insulting language to any other member of a police force	2	1	-	2	3
К	COVID 19 Related (New)	-	-	-	-	-

Note: \*Total number of allegations. More than one type per complaint may be listed.

DISPOSITION		This Quarter	Total Year to Date	Total Previous Year
CON	IDUCT COMPLAINTS			
Α	Unsubstantiated	0	2	3
В	Screened out by OIPRD	2	7	15
С	Withdrawn by Complainant	-	-	-
D	Informal Resolution Agreement	-		-
Ε	Disciplinary Hearing	-		_
F	Criminal Charge Laid Against Police Officer	-	-	-
G	Unsatisfactory Work Performance	-	-	-
Н	Through local resolution	-	-	-
ı	Customer Service Resolutions (C.S.R.)	-		1
J	C.S.R. not successful - Returned to OIPRD for screening.	-	-	-

Notes:

DISF	DISPOSITION (cont'd)		Total Year to Date	Total Previous Year
POL	ICY OR SERVICE COMPLAINTS			
Α	No Further Action Required	-	-	-
В	Action Taken	-	-	-
С	Referred to the Police Services Board for Review	-	-	-
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Α	No Further Action Required	-	_	-
В	Action Taken	-	-	
С	Referred to the Police Services Board for Review	-	-	-
D	Referred to the OIPRD for Review	-	-	_

OIPF	RD - REVIEW	This Quarter	Total Year to Date	Total Previous Year	
REQ	UEST FOR REVIEW				
Α	Total	0	1	1	
	- Concurred with finding	-	-	1	
	- Directed to deal with as per OIPRD instruction	-	1*	-	
	- Re-assign to another P.S. or taken over by OIPRD	-	-	-	
	- Request not accepted by OIPRD	-	-	-	
В	Reviews pending	0	1	-	
CON	IMENTS				

SPEC	CIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT (SIU)	This Quarter	Total Year to Date	Total Previous Year
INVE	STIGATIONS			
Α	Total Investigations Filed	1	2	4
В	Investigations Resolved			
	- No Criminal Wrongdoing	1	2	4
	- Criminal Charges Laid	-	-	-
	- Discipline (per O. Reg. 267/10 sec. 11)	-	-	-
	- Policy Change (per O. Reg. 267/10 sec. 11)	-	-	-
С	Type of Investigations			
	- Death	-	-	-
	- Serious Bodily Injury	-	1	1
	- Sexual Assault	1	1	3
D	Investigations Ongoing	0		
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# CORNWALL POLICE SERVICE BOARD REPORT



TO:	CPS Board Members	FROM:	Deputy Chief Vincent Foy	_
UNIT/BUREAU:	CPS Board	UNIT/BUREAU:	Executive Bureau	
		DATE:	August 22,2022	

# Re: MACDOUGALL INQUEST - RECOMMENDATIONS 8, 9 and 10 IMPLEMENTATION

On April 3, 2018, Quinn MacDougall was fatally shot by officers of the Hamilton Police Service (HPS), after officers responded to several 911 calls made "about a man with a gun".

A Special Investigations Unit (SIU) report said multiple witnesses shared similar stories with investigators alleging that MacDougall, armed with a knife, charged without warning at a plain clothes officer, who was seated in a vehicle. The SIU cleared officers determining shots fired by police to impede MacDougall were justified after attempts to stop him with taser-like weapons didn't work. MacDougall was shot four times, before collapsing to the ground. He was pronounced dead at the hospital.

## **INQUEST - RECOMMENDATIONS**

An Inquest was launched in February 2022. During the inquest, jurors heard recorded communications from officers and dispatchers, in which a first responder suggested the encounter may fall under the Mental Health Act. However, the HPS Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team (MCRRT - CPS equivalent of Vulnerable Sector Mobile Acute Response Team - VSMART) was NOT dispatched to the scene.

The first recommendations call for the Ministry of the Solicitor General to review current "use-of-force" models, suggesting to look at "less-lethal" crisis options, visible markings for taser style weapons and reconsider the use of the term "force".

Jurors recommended HPS explore the use of information management systems to "track" deployments of alternative responses to assist a Person in Crisis (PIC) call as well as the feasibility of having a 24-hour MCRRT team. They also called on the Ontario Police College, the Solicitor-General and the province's police services to develop and provide additional de-escalation training.

#### OTHER POLICE SERVICES RECOMMENDATIONS

In Response to the Jury recommendations, the CPS is required to respond to the following three (3) recommendations.

#### RECOMMENDATION 8 – JOINT MENTAL HEALTH POLICE RESPONSE

If none already exists, explore with community health partners, the feasibility of establishing and adequately resourcing joint mental-health-police response teams to assist with Person in Crisis calls for service.

The Cornwall Police Service (CPS) established, in 2018, the Vulnerable Sector Mobile Acute Response Team (VSMART) a mental health police response team.

This joint initiative with the Cornwall Community Hospital (CCH), allows officers and mental health professionals an enhanced ability to evaluate people in crisis they are dealing with and make recommendations for next steps.

The current agreement allows for one full time CPS and one full time CCH mental health nurse to patrol together on a full time basis.

CPS is currently seeking additional funding to create an additional joint team which would expand hours of service. Agreements between both agencies are reviewed and renewed annually and latest iteration was signed in June 2022.

Furthermore, as explained below in Recommendation 10, the CPS is pro-actively engaged in deescalation and crisis intervention training where officers from each patrol team have received the training, thus providing 24/7 coverage to effectively deal with Persons in Crisis, when the VSMART response team is not on duty.

# RECOMMENDATION 9 - JOINT MENTAL HEALTH TEAM ENGAGEMENT POLICY

If a police service has a joint mental-health police team, give studied consideration to implementing a policy that provides, once police officers attending a call identify a potential mental health concern and provided it is safe to do so, that the joint mental health-police team should be engaged.

The CPS already has a policy in place that directs officers to engage VSMART, the joint mental health police team to deal with persons in crisis and to also proactively attempt to prevent persons at risk from reaching a crisis situation.

The CPS policy is FOB014 – Police Response to Persons who are Emotionally Disturbed or have a Mental Illness or a Developmental Disability.

Section 8 (VMSART Responsibilities) reads, in part:

8.01 Reporting to the OIC of the Crime Reduction and Community Partnerships Bureau (CRCP), the VSMART Team will attend calls involving a person in crisis. When not attending calls for service, the team will conduct outreach with any person not currently in a psychiatric facility that requires concentrated attention and connection to community supports and resources.

8.02 It is the main goal of the VSMART Team to prevent a person suffering from a mental illness or a developmental delay from reaching a crisis point. Once notified of a person in crisis, the VSMART

Team will attempt to intervene and reduce the likelihood of incidents involving any person in crisis from becoming critical in nature. The VSMART Team will operate collaboratively with our community partners to identify and connect persons with known or suspected mental health issues and / or developmental delays with community resources.

#### **RECOMMENDATION 10 – DE-ESCALATION TRAINING**

## Explore developing and providing all police officers with additional de-escalation training.

The CPS has policy already established pertaining to de-escalation training. The policy is the same as above (Recommendation 9), FOB014 - *Police Response to Persons who are Emotionally Disturbed or have a Mental Illness or a Developmental Disability.* 

#### Section 17 in FOB014 reads:

17.01 All new Service personnel who may come into contact with members of the public shall receive comprehensive training to assist in identifying persons with a mental health issue and/or developmental disability. FOB014 GENERAL ORDER – POLICE RESPONSE TO PERSONS WHO ARE EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED OR HAVE A MENTAL ILLNESS OR A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY

17.02 All Service personnel who may come into contact with the public shall receive <u>yearly refresher</u> training to assist in identifying persons with a mental health issue and/or development disability. This training will include the following:

- a) local protocols;
- b) conflict resolution, de-escalation techniques, and use of force in situations involving persons who may be in crisis, or may have a mental illness or developmental disability;
- c) the relevant provisions of the Mental Health Act, Substitute Decisions Act and Health Care Act;
- d) the recognition of common mental illnesses; and
- e) providing assistance to families of persons who have mental illness.

17.03 The Ministry of Health and Long Term Care provides specialized training in crisis intervention relating to calls involving persons in crisis. Crisis intervention training is specialized training to identify and provide the most effective and compassionate response possible to persons in crisis.

17.04 Crisis Intervention Training will be provided to the Vulnerable Sector Officer (VSO) and any Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) appointed Officer on each Patrol Team.

17.05 Crisis Intervention Training will include:

- a) identifying persons with mental illness;
- b) communications with persons in crisis and mentally ill persons;
- c) de-escalation techniques;
- d) officer safety and public safety concerns; and
- e) community mental health supports available.

17.06 Prior to a CIT officer being reassigned to the duties of the VSO, the officer will have:

- a) completed the Crisis Intervention Training; and
- b) completed a minimum of 24 hours of job shadowing with the VSMART Team.

#### IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

Police Services have been given until December 1, 2022 to report back to the Solicitor General on the implementation of these 3 recommendations.

Prior to the MacDougall Recommendations, the CPS had pre-established internal policies and agreements, that addressed all 3 recommendations:

- a. Joint Mental Health Response Team (VSMART);
- b. Joint Mental Health Team Engagement Policy;
- c. De-escalation Training.

Furthermore, the current CPS Strategic Plan, under the Community Engagement pillar, identified enhancing service to the vulnerable sector as a goal, thereby continuously striving to improve service delivery pertaining to dealing with Persons in Crisis.

To conclude, I am confident that the CPS is compliant or exceeds the recommendations from the MacDougall Inquest.

Respectfully,

Deputy Chief Vincent Foy Cornwall Police Service

#### April 11, 2022

#### **Privileged & Confidential**

CORNWALL POLICE SERVICES BOARD 340 Pitt Street, Second Floor, P.O. Box 875 Cornwall, ON K6H 5T7

Attention: Elyse Lauzon-Alguire

Invoice No.: 426687

IN ACCOUNT WITH



Mathews, Dinsdale & Clark LLP Barristers and Solicitors The Well, 35th Floor 8 Spadina Avenue Toronto, Ontario M5V 0S8 Tel: 416 862 8280 Fax: 416 862 8247

Re:

GENERAL LABOUR - BOARD Our File Number: 24600-1

SUMMARY OF OUR ACCOUNT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED in this matter during the period ending March 31, 2022, and including:

### Fees and Disbursements Summary:

FEES:	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<u>HST</u>	TOTAL
SUBJECT TO HST:	\$4,145.00	\$538.85	\$4,683.85
Total Fees:	\$4,145.00	\$538.85	\$4,683.85
TOTAL:	\$4,145.00	\$538.85	\$4,683.85

#### June 16, 2022

#### **Privileged & Confidential**

**CORNWALL POLICE SERVICES BOARD** 340 Pitt Street, Second Floor, P.O. Box 875 Cornwall, ON K6H 5T7

Attention: Elyse Lauzon-Alguire

Invoice No.: 429172

IN ACCOUNT WITH



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Re:

**GENERAL LABOUR - BOARD** Our File Number: 24600-1

SUMMARY OF OUR ACCOUNT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED in this matter during the period ending June 9, 2022, and including:

#### Fees and Disbursements Summary:

FEES:	AMOUNT	<u>HST</u>	TOTAL
SUBJECT TO HST:	\$20,020.00	\$2,602.60	\$22,622.60
Total Fees:	\$20,020.00	\$2,602.60	\$22,622.60
DISBURSEMENTS:			
SUBJECT TO HST:	\$421.42	\$54.78	\$476.20
Total Disbursements:	\$421.42	\$54.78	\$476.20
TOTAL:	\$20,441.42	\$2,657.38	\$23,098.80

From: Jordan Poapst < jordanpoapstformayor@gmail.com > Sent: August 20, 2022 3:29 PM

To: Shawna Spowart < spowart.s@cornwallpolice.com >; CPS Board < boardcps@cornwallpolice.com >

Cc: Manon Levesque < MLevesque@cornwall.ca >; Dalton, Laura < LDalton@postmedia.com >

Subject: Mayoral Candidate Freedom of Expression Being Violated by CPS

Hi Chief Spowart & Cornwall Police Services Board,

As you may or may not know, I am currently running for municipal office. As per my complaint to previous Mayor Bernadette Clement's office, in December of 2019 (which was forwarded to you), I have been blocked from expressing myself (commenting and reacting) on the CPS' Facebook page, a public forum, run by a municipal government organization. This is in direct contravention of my fundamental freedom as defined by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Section 2(b), which guarantees:

- "freedom of thought, belief, opinion and **expression, including freedom of the press and other** media of communication"

The Cornwall Police Service is governed by the Police Services Act, R.S.O 1990, and under the Declaration of Principles, Section 1(2.), it is stated that:

- 1 Police Services shall be provided throughout Ontario in accordance with the following principles:
- 2. "The importance of safeguarding the fundamental rights guaranteed by the **Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms** and the Human Rights Code"

I am again, politely requesting that the Cornwall Police Service immediately cease in impeding my ability to freely express myself, specifically my ability to freely (and lawfully) express myself on a City of Cornwall public forum, being the CPS' Facebook social media page. I would also like to stand up for any other fellow Cornwall/Canadian citizens that the Service has blocked from expressing themselves freely, and kindly request that you unblock them as well.

I have CC'd the Municipal Clerk (Manon Levesque) responsible for ensuring a fair election, who will surely agree, that a department of the Municipality engaged in the active suppression of a political candidate's ability to freely express themselves during their campaign (and influence potential voters), actively violating a political candidate's guaranteed Charter freedom of expression, will affect the integrity and fairness of this year's Municipal Election.

I have also CC'd a local journalist, who is covering the local election, as a means of transparency.

Please take the necessary steps to stop impeding all affected citizens' freedom of expression on every social media platform (and/or "other media of communication") that the City of Cornwall controls. I will also accept a public apology, posted on your Facebook page, to ensure that you are taking proper accountability for your transgressions. I expect you to show Integrity, Respect and Empathy for how I have been treated.

Also, if you happen to speak with Inspector Chad Maxwell, let him know that I am still taking his instruction (as per our face-to-face meeting in May of 2019, regarding unsatisfactory service I received from the CPS in case #CW18016743), and that I am still "running with it", as he concluded that I would need to do myself, in order to handle my complaints.

Nothing I have expressed here, nor any responses from you, should be considered confidential, and how you respond to this will have an affect on my campaign going forward (and decision regarding legal action).

Have a great day, Jordan Poapst Mayoral Candidate for Cornwall Ontario From: Jordan Poapst < jordanpoapstformayor@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 3:01 PM

To: Shawna Spowart < spowart.s@cornwallpolice.com>

Cc: CPS Board <boardcps@cornwallpolice.com>; Manon Levesque <MLevesque@cornwall.ca>

Subject: Re: Mayoral Candidate Freedom of Expression Being Violated by CPS

Dear Chief Spowart,

With myself, the CPS and any other Municipality-operated Facebook pages being bound to FB/Meta Terms of Service (which governs appropriate use of the service, not you), I would recommend that you use the "Report" feature for removing any of my posts that violate these terms (which they haven't). Again, as per Charter of Rights and Freedoms, you do not have the legal authority to single me out and restrict me from expressing myself in any way, shape or form, specifically on public "other forms of media". The Government of Canada's Department of Justice website (<a href="https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/csj-sjc/rfc-dlc/ccrf-ccdl/check/art321.html">https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/csj-sjc/rfc-dlc/ccrf-ccdl/check/art321.html</a> ) states that the application of the Charter applies to both Municipalities and Police Services, and is backed up by case law.

Furthermore, Section 88.8(9) of the *Municipal Elections Act*, states that a Municipality's provision of information to a public website (such as Facebook) does not constitute a contribution to a candidate's campaign, therefore there is no legal restriction on a candidate using the CPS' (or any other City of Cornwall page's) Facebook posts for election-related purposes (just as I can use any other Facebook page for election purposes, unless objected to by a Private entity). You do not determine how I can use Facebook. Again, if there are Terms of Service violations, please take the appropriate route in handling them.

I will again ask for the Municipal Clerk, Manon Levesque, to use her authority under Section 12(1) of the *Municipal Elections Act*, to overrule your decision, and require the CPS to restore my freedom of expression, as a citizen of Canada AND mayoral candidate in an election that she is responsible for conducting and ensuring fairness to all candidates.

Thanks in advance, Jordan Poapst, Mayoral Candidate for Cornwall Ontario

# **OAPSB ZONE 2**

c/o Diane Smithson, Secretary-Treasurer
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# Promoting Civilian Governance Excellence in the Delivery of Police Services in Eastern Ontario

# NOTICE OF FALL 2022 MEETING OAPSB ZONE 2

TO: All OAPSB Zone 2 Membership

Graham Wight, Police Services Advisor, Ministry of the Solicitor General

DATE: Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022

TIME: 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**HOST:** Quinte West Police Services Board

LOCATION: Quinte West OPP Detachment – inside the "Community Service Room"

3 Dixon Road,

Trenton, ON K8V 6E6

9:00 a.m. Light refreshments available

9:30 a.m. Call to Order

12:15 p.m. Lunch will be provided

- Meeting call to order
- Chair's welcome and opening remarks
   Greetings from Quinte West Mayor Jim Harrison
- Approval of Agenda
- 4. Approval of the minutes of the Zone 2 Meeting held in Greater Napanee on Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 hosted by the Municipality of Greater Napanee
- 5. Business arising from the minutes
- 6. Updates:
  - a. Graham Wight, Police Services Advisor, Ministry of Solicitor General
  - b. King Yee, OAPSB Zone 2 Director
  - c. Jim Harrison, OAPSB Section 10 Board Representative for Zones 2 & 3

- 7. Secretary-Treasurer's Financial Report
- 8. Delegations
  - a. Keynote Speaker: Mr. Paul Dube, Provincial Ombudsman Re: Roles and Responsibilities of his Office
  - b. Mr. Patrick Weaver, Chair, OAPSB <u>and</u> Lisa Darling, OAPSB Executive Director

Re: The role of the OAPSB moving forward

- 9. New Business
- 10. Membership Input
  - a. Election of Chair and Vice Chair Zone 2 Executive. Time to stand up and be counted
- 11. Adjournment

This will be the final meeting of Zone 2 prior to the late October Municipal Elections. Significant change is in the air. Please make every effort to attend and have your point of view heard.

PLEASE RSVP TO DIANE SMITHSON (613) 257-6255 OR BY EMAIL AT <a href="mailto:dsmithson@carletonplace.ca">DSMITHSON@CARLETONPLACE.CA</a> BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 AT 4:00 P.M. SO THAT NUMBER OF ATTENDEES CAN BE PROVIDED FOR LUNCHEON PURPOSES WHICH FOLLOWS THE MEETING CONCLUSION ABOUT 12:15 P.M.

#### Please note:

- 1. Our host Board, Quinte West, was able to negotiate a very good room rate of \$109 +tax per night at the Ramada Inn, 99 Glen Miller Road, Trenton, ON K7V 5P8 1-613-394-4855. When booing a room, mention "Zone 2" to ensure you reserve a room set aside for this gathering
- 2. The meeting site, Quinte West OPP Detachment, usually has its entry door locked. The Detachment Commander will arrange to have the entry door unlocked OR have a staff member present to unlock the door for those attending the meeting.
- 3. All attendees are encouraged to have their full vaccinations, and masks are encouraged, but optional. The Zone 2 meetings welcome guests/partners. They too are urged to be vaccinated.

Your Zone 2 Executive hopes to see you in Quinte West September 16<sup>th</sup>.

Neil Fennell, Chair OAPSB Zone 2