

# City Council Information Items

January 22, 2021

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# Intergovernmental Submission

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## Blue Box Transition Date Advocacy Letter

### Ministry/Department

Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks

### Date Submitted

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

### Summary

In December, Council passed a resolution calling on the province to allow the City to transition its blue box program at our preferred date, namely January 2023. This letter advances that advocacy.

### Lead

Waste Services, Mayor's Office and Intergovernmental Services.

### Attachments

Attachment-1 January 20 2021 letter to Minister Jeff Yurek

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Wednesday, January 20, 2021

Sent via email to [minister.mecp@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mecp@ontario.ca)

The Honourable Jeff Yurek  
Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Province of Ontario  
College Park 5th Floor, 777 Bay St  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Yurek,

**RE: The City of Guelph's Proposed Blue Box Transition Date**

The City of Guelph is a leader in innovative waste management practices and in circular economy approaches. We strongly support the provincial decision to transition the blue box program to full producer responsibility.

On December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020, City of Guelph Council passed the resolution below requesting to transition our local Blue Box program to full producer responsibility as soon as possible on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Delaying our transition will result in significant costs and labour relations challenges for the City.

"That the City of Guelph request that the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks accommodate the City's original request to transition its Blue Box program to full producer responsibility at the earliest transition date, January 1, 2023, or, in the event that this is not possible, that the City of Guelph receive full funding for the operation of the City's Blue Box program based on 100% of reported costs until such time as the program is transitioned to producer responsibility.

That the City's preceding resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks."

Currently, the proposed schedule has Guelph transitioning in 2025. This delay translates into \$1.76M+ in additional annual costs to property taxpayers on the operating side and over \$2.34M to address capital needs as our City continues to grow.

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The Hon. Jeff Yurek

January 18, 2021

RE: The City of Guelph's proposed blue box transition date

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An added complication for the City of Guelph is the upcoming expiration of collective agreements. This labour relations challenge could result in significant additional operating costs to the City above and beyond the \$1.76M/year if we are unable to transition our program in 2023.

To mitigate these challenges, and to allow the City of Guelph to continue being a leader in innovative waste management practices, I ask that the province enable the City to transition its blue box program at our requested date (January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023) instead of waiting until 2025. For more information on anticipated impacts of delaying our transition, please see the briefing note accompanying this letter.

I also ask to discuss this item with you directly at your earliest convenience. To coordinate, please contact my office at [mayor@guelph.ca](mailto:mayor@guelph.ca). You can also call me directly at 519-829-6430.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cam Guthrie', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Cam Guthrie

Mayor

C Liam O'Brien, Chief of Staff to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks

Scott Stewart, Chief Administrative Officer, City of Guelph

Kealy Dedman, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise, City of Guelph

# Intergovernmental Consultation

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## **Proposed implementation of provisions in the Planning Act that provide the Minister enhanced authority to address certain matters as part of a zoning order**

### **Ministry/Department**

Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

### **Consultation Deadline**

Saturday, January 30, 2021

### **Summary**

Ontario is holding a consultation related to changes in the Planning Act enacted through Bill 197, the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020. These changes focus on Ministerial Zoning Orders and the Minister's authority over site plan control matters.

### **Proposed Form of Input**

Staff will prepare a written letter for the Environmental Registry and for broader advocacy.

### **Rationale**

The City has an interest in influencing planning-related policy to ensure a local say in matters affecting local growth.

### **Lead**

Planning and Building Services with support from Intergovernmental Services.

### **Link to Ministry Website**

<https://ero.ontario.ca/index.php/notice/019-2811>

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# Intergovernmental Consultation

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## Proposed Implementation of Updates to Ontario's Water Quantity Management Framework

### Ministry/Department

Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks

### Consultation Deadline

Friday, February 5, 2021

### Summary

The MECP is seeking input on draft guidance to help manage water taking in areas where water quantity is a concern and where there are competing demands for water. The MECP is also proposing to revoke the interim guidance once updates to Ontario's water taking program are in place, aligned with the end of the bottled water moratorium on April 1, 2021.

### Proposed Form of Input

Staff will prepare a submission for the Environmental Registry of Ontario.

### Rationale

As a groundwater community, the City of Guelph has an interest in providing input on provincial policy that may affect local water quantity.

### Lead

Environmental Services

### Link to Ministry Website

<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-2017>

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# Intergovernmental Consultation

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## Ontario 2021/22 Pre-Budget Consultation Process

### Ministry/Department

Ministry of Finance

### Consultation Deadline

Friday, February 12, 2021

### Summary

Ontario is seeking public input in advance of the 2021/22 provincial budget anticipated in March 2021.

### Proposed Form of Input

The City will prepare a written submission to the consultation process and participate in a virtual consultation session with the Ministry, if possible.

### Rationale

The pre-budget consultation process enables the City to advocate to the province on corporate and community fiscal needs.

### Lead

Intergovernmental Services

### Link to Ministry Website

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/2021-budget-consultations>

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The Corporation of the Township of Matachewan (via e-mail)  
P.O. Box 177,  
Matachewan, ON P0K 1M0

January 18<sup>th</sup> 2021

**Re: Support of Resolution from Township of Matachewan regarding request for future grant application deadlines be given a longer turnaround time;**

Please be advised that on January 6<sup>th</sup> 2021 the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion to support the Council of the Township of Matachewan's motion (attached) requesting that the application deadline on any further grants have a longer turnaround time; that was passed on November 25<sup>th</sup> 2020:

***Motion #13*** – Moved by Bob Woolvett, Seconded by Gary Atkinson that Plympton-Wyoming Council supports the Township of Matachewan's resolution regarding Extending the Turnaround Time for Grant Applications.

***Motion Carried.***

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at [ekwarciak@plympton-wyoming.ca](mailto:ekwarciak@plympton-wyoming.ca).

Sincerely,

Erin Kwarciak

Clerk

Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc: (all sent via e-mail)  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (A.M.O.)  
All Municipalities in Ontario

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**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF MATACHEWAN**

December 14, 2020

Honourable Steve Clark  
Office of the Minister  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
777 Bay Street, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Honourable Clark:

There have been numerous announcements of available grants for municipalities. We acknowledge and are very appreciative of the opportunity to apply for these grants. For small municipalities with few employees, the turn around time for applications is very short and restrictive.

We would like to request that the application deadline on any further grants have a longer turn around time.

A copy of Resolution 2020-257 is attached. Your consideration and support of this resolution would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Barbara Knauth  
Deputy Clerk Treasurer

Cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (A.M.O.)  
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (F.O.N.O.M.)  
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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MATACHEWAN  
P.O. Box 177, Matachewan, Ontario P0K 1M0

DATE: November 25, 2020

RESOLUTION #: 2020-267

Moved by:

*Ms. A. Commando-Dubé*

Seconded by:

*Mr. N. Costello*

WHEREAS we have been getting numerous announcements of available grants; and

WHEREAS we are very appreciative of the opportunity to apply for these grants; however, the turn around time for applications is very short and restrictive for small municipalities with few employees;

NOW THEREFORE we, the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, send a letter to the Hon. Steve Clarke, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing acknowledging the appreciation of the grants but requesting that the application deadline on any further grants have a longer turn around time; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to A.M.O., F.O.N.O.M. and all municipalities in Ontario.

	COUNCILLOR	YEA	NAY	PID
CARRIED	✓ Ms. A. Commando-Dubé Mayor			
AMENDED	Mr. N. Costello Mayor			
DEFEATED	Mr. G. Dubé Councillor			
TABLED	Ms. S. Ruck Councillor			
	Mr. A. Durand Councillor			

Certified to be a true  
copy of the original.

*Janet Gore*

*Anne Commando-Dubé*

Anne Commando-Dubé  
Mayor

*Janet Gore*

Janet Gore  
Clerk



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January 18, 2021

**Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing**

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**Attention: The Honourable Steve Clark**

Re: Request for Revisions to Municipal Elections

Dear Minister Clark,

On October 20, 2020 the Council of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills passed a resolution in support of Wollaston Township to request the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to review the *Municipal Elections Act* and provide amendments to provide clearer, stronger wording, to assist municipal Clerks in addressing issues to allow for a more definitive decision to be made when adding names to the voters' list and to ensure that there is a clear and accessible way to report election fraud and that the rules described in the *Municipal Elections Act* are actually enforceable even if there is not a current case law.

A copy of the resolution is attached for your reference.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Russell  
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cc. Premier Doug Ford, Daryl Kramp, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities

Attachment: Resolution No. 421-20



# COUNCIL RESOLUTION

October 20, 2020

**Resolution No 421-20**

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Minnille

**Seconded by** Councillor Dalgity

**CW148-20 Info List Item #6 - Request for Revisions to Municipal Elections**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills ask Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon, Steve Clark, to review the Municipal Elections Act and provide amendments to ensure that loopholes are closed on any pay to play schemes in rural communities where non-resident electors are permitted to participate in elections so that \$100.00 leases do not turn into ballots for garden sheds;

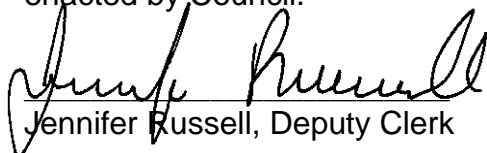
**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills ask the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Steve Clark, to review the Municipal Elections Act and provide amendments to provide clearer, stronger wording, to assist municipal Clerks in addressing issues to allow for a more definitive decision to be made when adding names to the voters' list;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills ask the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Steve Clark, to ensure that there is a clear and accessible way to report election fraud;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills ask the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Steve Clark, to ensure that the rules described in the Municipal Elections Act are actually enforceable even if there is not current case law;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that support for this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, Daryl Kramp, M.P.P. for Hastings-Lennox and Addington, all Ontario Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

I, Jennifer Russell, Deputy Clerk for the Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution enacted by Council.

  
Jennifer Russell, Deputy Clerk





United Counties of  
**Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry**

**RESOLUTION**

**MOVED BY Councillor McGillis**

**RESOLUTION NO** 2021-04

**SECONDED BY Councillor Warden**

**DATE** January 18, 2021

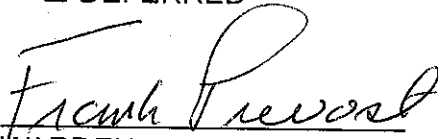
THAT the Council of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry request that the Province of Ontario allow for small businesses to immediately reopen with the required health guidelines and protocols in place; and

THAT this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Jim McDonnell, and circulated to all municipalities in Ontario.

☒ **CARRIED**

☐ **DEFEATED**

☐ **DEFERRED**

  
**WARDEN**

**Recorded Vote:**

Councillor Armstrong	_____
Councillor Byvelds	_____
Councillor Fraser	_____
Councillor Gardner	_____
Councillor Landry	_____
Councillor MacDonald	_____
Councillor McGillis	_____
Councillor Prevost	_____
Councillor Smith	_____
Councillor Warden	_____
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Councillor Williams	_____



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January 11, 2021

Premier Doug Ford  
Legislative Building, Queens Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

Speeding on provincial, county and municipal roadways continues to put the lives of Ontarians at risk. While we have access to several tools to help mitigate speeding traffic, the one tool that is currently not fully available to us is Automatic Speed Enforcement (ASE) (aka Photo Radar). Over the past decade, in South West Oxford the vast majority of charges laid are for drivers travelling well in excess of the posted speed limit. The cost of providing police time for something that could be done through the use of technology is disturbing to our council. The Council feels that it would be far more effective to have police concentrate on other problems such as Break and Enters, illegal drugs and domestic problems.

We need a way to address the poor behaviours and habits that are putting our citizens at risk and tying up much needed first responder resources that could be better utilized to improve the well-being of our communities. Speeding, particularly through our small villages, creates community concerns for the safety and wellbeing of our children and other vulnerable members. We need your help.

In keeping with this The Council of the Township of South-West Oxford duly moved and carried the following resolution at the regular meeting held on January 5, 2021:

*...RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford provide direction to the Clerk to send a letter to the Premier, MPP Ernie Hardeman, AMO and all Ontario municipalities in support of the use of Automatic Speed Enforcement (photo radar) by municipalities.*

Please help municipalities in the Province by passing the necessary regulations for municipalities to use ASE (if they choose) that will bring about the driving behavioural changes we need.

We look forward to your help with this issue.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mary Ellen Greb'.

Mary Ellen Greb, CAO

c.c. AMO, Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Ontario Municipalities



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January 19, 2021

Your Worship

Dear Sir/Madam:

**RE: LINE 5 PIPELINE**

I am forwarding to you a letter written to the Prime Minister of Canada with respect to the Line 5 Pipeline.

I am bringing the matter of the Line 5 Pipeline to your attention as this is not just an issue for one community or one Province but will impact on many Canadians including those in your community.

If this pipeline is closed it will:

- dramatically increase the price of fuel in Canada as it relates to gasoline and propane.
- bring about the transportation of those fuels through other means which have greater safety concerns including rail, truck and ship, possibly through your community.
- as an arbitrary action, have significant impact on the relationship between Ontario's largest trading partner—Michigan--and will result in other ramifications. Over \$85 billion in trade per year crosses the two borders and the pipeline closing will impact negatively on other trade issues, from auto to agriculture, in the years ahead.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in reviewing this correspondence. If you wish to add your voice to the Prime Minister it would be deeply appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Bradley  
Mayor of Sarnia







**MIKE BRADLEY  
MAYOR  
CITY OF SARNIA**

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January 4, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

**RE: LINE 5 PIPELINE**

On behalf of the citizens of Sarnia I would like to express our gratitude for the work your government has done to protect Canadians through the Covid-19 pandemic.

We know protecting the ongoing economic and energy security of Canadians is paramount for your government, particularly as we move into economic recovery. This is why I am raising today my deep concern and that of the community of Sarnia Lambton that the Governor of Michigan, Gretchen Whitmer's efforts to shut down the Line 5 easement could have extremely damaging impacts on the energy needs of Canadian and U.S. consumers, as well as the businesses and livelihoods that depend on the Line 5 pipeline.

As Mayor of the City of Sarnia, the Sarnia community and region of Southwestern Ontario relies on Line 5 for thousands of jobs and economic output that strengthens both Ontario and Canada.

I am urging you to reach out to U.S. President-Elect, Joe Biden and ask that this matter be handled by upholding the 1977 Transit Pipeline Treaty, which the President-Elect voted in favour of.

A disruption of Line 5 would result in a daily shortage of over 14 million gallons of gasoline and other transportation fuels, impacting people in Ontario, Quebec, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania. Ten regional refineries would be significantly and adversely impacted, leading to a significant loss of jobs. Disrupting the line would also create regional propane shortages, higher energy prices and hardship for families, especially




those on fixed incomes or of modest means. That's unacceptable – even more so during this COVID-19 pandemic.

The Canada-U.S. 1977 Transit Pipelines Treaty (negotiated by Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and President Jimmy Carter – and voted for by then-first-term Senator Joe Biden) precludes this kind of interruption of existing hydrocarbon pipelines. The Transit Treaty ensures that the United States, including its individual states, cannot impede pipeline operations that Canada depends on for exports or imports.

To address Michigan's clear violation of the Transit Treaty, the document provides a mechanism for Canada to negotiate with the United States, state to state. Given the national importance of Line 5, we need you to engage assertively with the incoming Biden Administration, communicating firmly that Governor Whitmer's unlawful and baseless effort to terminate the Line 5 easement is unacceptable and in clear violation of the 1977 Transit Pipelines Treaty. This is an action only you and your government can take and we are urging you to move quickly.

The Governor's attempt to revoke and terminate the Line 5 easement is improper, unlawful and will negatively impact people, energy and economic security on both sides of the border. Enbridge is currently seeking permit approval for the tunnel project and replacement pipeline which, upon completion, will make a safe Straits crossing even safer. We and many others need you to take action to ensure a peaceful resolution to this issue. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,



Mike Bradley  
Mayor of Sarnia

Copy:

The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

The Honourable Seamus O'Regan, Minister of Natural Resources

The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Foreign Affairs

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

The Honourable Greg Rickford, Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines

The Honourable Bill Walker, Associate Minister of Energy



## Guelph Police Services Board

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### OPEN MEETING

### MINUTES – DECEMBER 10, 2020

An Open meeting of the Guelph Police Services Board was held by teleconference call, pursuant to Guelph Police Services Board By-Law 164 (2020), on December 10, 2020 commencing at 2:30 p.m.

**Present:**

R. Carter, Chair	G. Cobey, Chief of Police
C. Guthrie, Member	D. Goetz, Deputy Chief of Police
C. Billings, Member	J. Sidlofsky Stoffman, Legal Services Manager
R. Curran, Member	L. Pelton, Financial Services Manager
P. McSherry, Member	K. McKeown, Human Resources Manager
C. Polonenko, Executive Assistant	

**Guests:** **Guelph Police Service:** John Robinson

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**2. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Chair Carter called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. by teleconference call between the attendees and gave Territorial Acknowledgement.

**3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OR PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no declarations of conflict or pecuniary interest.

**4. CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTIONS**

**Moved by C. Guthrie**

**Seconded by P. McSherry**

**THAT** the Guelph Police Services Board approve \$469.75 of Canadian Tire money from the Property Unit be donated to Cops and Kids to be used for the Christmas Campaign either in 2020 or in 2021 as needed.

**-CARRIED-**

**5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS - Integrated Youth Services Network**

**Cyndy Moffat Forsyth, Director of Integrated Youth Services Network**

**Helen Fishburn, Executive Director of CMHA Waterloo Wellington**

The Integrated Youth Services Network is a “one-stop-shop” designed for youth from ages

12-26, to meet mental health, substance use, primary care, education, employment, training, housing and other needs in a centralized location, where all service providers are on one system for full integration. There are four sites in Guelph headed up by the Rotary Club. A bold vision and plan of action is urgently needed, as suicide is the second leading cause of death in this age group in Ontario, and substance-related overdose deaths between January and August 2020 in Guelph has increased by 200% over the same time period in 2019.

A network of support is a safety net for youth and a more easily accessible system is required for them to receive the help before they reach the stage of drug use and suicide. This project is supported by MP Lloyd Longfield and MPP Mike Schreiner. A \$10 million fundraising campaign goal has been set and 48% has been raised to date. Once 75% has been reached, the fundraising campaign will go public.

The space they are creating is to provide the opportunity to be part of an integrated community-based team. The hope is that the Guelph Police Service will join as a service partner. It creates a safe opportunity to connect, build trust and be mentors to youth. Chief Cobey noted that a key priority of the Strategic Plan is Community Policing and initially, a representative from the Service could be assigned to join their service providers working group that meets once a week. Helen Fishburn reiterated that the current ask is not for funding, but for formal support for the project.

Chair Carter thanked Helen Fishburn and Cyndy Forsyth for presenting, and noted that the Board will continue the discussion on how the Service can participate as requested.

Helen Fishburn and Cyndy Forsyth left the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

## **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Moved by R. Curran**

**Seconded by P. McSherry**

**THAT** the Minutes of the Open Meeting held Thursday, November 19, 2020 be approved as presented.

**- CARRIED –**

## **7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

C. Guthrie requested that a Motion for a request to upper levels of Government be added under 7.9 New Business.

**Moved by C. Guthrie**

**Seconded by C. Billings**

**THAT** the Guelph Police Services Board approve the Open Meeting agenda as amended.

**-CARRIED –**

**Moved by C. Billings**

**Seconded by C. Guthrie**

**THAT** the Guelph Police Services Board adopt **Part 1 – Consent Agenda** as identified below.

**7.1 Board Correspondence Report**

That the report titled “Open Meeting – December 10, 2020 Board Correspondence Report” be received for information.

**7.2 Meeting Dates for 2021**

**THAT** the Guelph Police Services Board approve the presented schedule for its meetings in 2021; those being January 21, February 18, March 18, April 15, May 20, June 17, July 15, September 16, October 21, November 18 and December 9.

**7.3 Board Sub-Committee Appointments for 2021**

**THAT** the Guelph Police Services Board retain the current 2020 committee structure for 2021, that being:

<b>Collective Bargaining</b>	<b>Finance</b>	<b>Policy Review</b>	<b>Performance Appraisal</b>
R. Carter (Chair) R. Curran	C. Billings (Chair) C. Guthrie R. Carter	R. Curran (Chair) R. Carter P. McSherry	R. Carter C. Guthrie C. Billings R. Curran P. McSherry

**7.4 Headquarter Renovation and Expansion**

That the Report titled “Police Headquarters Renovation and Expansion Project” and dated December 10, 2020, be received for information.

**7.5 Human Resources Report – Member Appointments**

**THAT** Tracy Dupuis be appointed as a full-time member of the Guelph Police Service effective December 14, 2020.

**-CARRIED-**

**Part 2 – Discussion Agenda**

**7.6 GPS Use of “GrayKey” Technology**

Chief Cobey noted that the goal of the report was to give the Board an overview of the technology used to do forensic analysis of cell phones in investigations for a variety of offences. The GrayKey unit has been exclusively used for forensic examinations once legal authorization has been received, whether by Court issued search warrants, Coroner’s authority and/or consent of the phone owner. Overall, when a tool that involves forensic examination of phones is used, the Service has to be aware of privacy concerns, and also the responsibility to conduct a fulsome investigation of the offences being investigated, and to provide accurate and charter-compliant data to the Courts in a timely manner. The report set out the number of

authorized examinations and circumstances associated with the successful examinations. After Board discussion, C. Guthrie thanked J. Sidlofsky Stoffman for bringing clarity to this issue in the public realm.

**Moved by C. Billings**

**Seconded by C. Guthrie**

**THAT** the Guelph Police Services Board receive the GPS Use of GrayKey Technology report.

**-CARRIED-**

## **7.7 Appointment of Board Chair and Vice-Chair for 2021**

R. Carter called for nominations for the position of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Guelph Police Services Board for 2021.

**Moved by C. Billings**

**Seconded by C. Guthrie**

**THAT** Robert Carter be reappointed for the position of Chair of the Guelph Police Services Board for 2021; and

**THAT** the Peter McSherry be appointed for the position of Vice-Chair of the Guelph Police Services Board for 2021.

**-CARRIED-**

## **7.8 Chief's Monthly Report**

1) On Monday, December 14, 2020, two new employees will begin work:

- a. Tracey Dupuis as the Wellness Coordinator: She has a great deal of experience working with the community and with our members as she was a member of the Impact Team.
- b. Scott Tracey as the Media Relations Coordinator: He brings years of professional media experience to the role, has existing relationships with media partners and understands policing. We strive for transparency to the greatest extent possible as we engage with our community in an authentic way.

2) Chief Cobey thanked the Board and community for their support in 2020.

## **7.9 New Business**

Mayor Cam Guthrie brought forward a motion that has urgency because of advocacy work presently undertaken by himself and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, opportunities that could present themselves with our MP and MPP and other agencies with respect to the IMPACT team (Integrated Mobile Police and Crisis Team) that we have had embedded within our Police Service for the past several years. Chief Cobey has communicated many times that it is important to have the right people meeting the needs of our community. Currently, we have 5 members of IMPACT at the Service who can attend only 35% of the calls, and recently have been

fortunate to increase the complement to 7 through funding from the Provincial Government. The results of their work are exceptional. When these members meet with individuals with mental health issues, they are able to divert them from hospital to the right agencies, which saves on resources. Guelph wants to have a Service that is able to do more than 35% and needs financial help from upper levels of government and other agencies.

Chief Cobey acknowledged Helen Fishburn, Executive Director of the Canadian Mental Health Association Waterloo Wellington, and who oversees IMPACT, as a leader in our community. He stated that we want to be a model to other communities as we demonstrate what is possible if we can provide proactive care 24/7 to those with mental health issues, to move them from just surviving to thriving.

**Moved by C. Guthrie**

**Seconded by C. Billings**

**WHEREAS** the Guelph IMPACT Team, in which mental health practitioners attend mental health crisis and wellness calls alongside Guelph Police officers, has been an effective model to respond, provide service, and divert calls from hospital;

**WHEREAS** the IMPACT Team has been expanded, but still lacks the funding necessary to make the service available 24/7;

**WHEREAS** more community mental health services, and an elimination of wait lists for services, would help reduce the number of patients who reach a crisis point needing emergency response;

**WHEREAS** the Guelph Police Services Board agrees with the Centre for Addictions and Mental Health (CAMH) that transformative change is needed in how we proactively support the mental health needs of our community;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Guelph Police Services Board calls on upper levels of government to provide adequate, sustainable funding for a health care response to mental health crises, including sustainable funding for mental health practitioners to respond alongside, or when appropriate, instead of police;

**AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Guelph Police Services Board calls on the upper levels of government to provide adequate, sustainable funding for community mental health services, to help people avoid reaching a point of mental health crisis requiring an emergency response;

**AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Guelph Police Services Board calls on upper levels of government to undertake a comprehensive review of the system of mental health crisis response and wellness checks, to ensure that people experiencing a mental health crisis receive the most appropriate response;

**AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Guelph Police Services Board Chair write to the Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, and the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General, along with other police services in Ontario, Lloyd Longfield, MP and Mike Schreiner, MPP, to share this resolution.

**-CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY-**

**8. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- Next Open Meeting: Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. (virtual)
- Ontario Association of Police Services Boards Spring Conference – May 26-29, 2021

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by** C. Guthrie

**Seconded by** P. McSherry

**THAT** the Open meeting of the Guelph Police Services Board adjourn as at 3:26 p.m.

**- CARRIED –**

The minutes of this meeting were adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2021.

***“R. Carter”***

R. Carter , Chair

***“C. Polonenko”***

C. Polonenko, Executive Assistant