

**HANOVER POLICE SERVICE BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday, May 20, 2025
Boardroom, P & H Centre, Hanover, ON**

Present: Chair Selwyn Hicks
Vice-Chair Peter McEwen
Police Service Board Member Dave Hocking
Police Service Board Member Sue Paterson

Chief Chris Knoll
Board Administrator Catherine McKay

Absent: None

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OR PECUNIARY INTEREST No conflict or pecuniary interest declared.

OPENING OF MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting open at 10:00 a.m..

AGENDA

Motion # 2025-04-035

Moved by: S. Paterson

Seconded by: D. Hocking

That the agenda be amended to add item 6D *Speed Cameras*, that the agenda be accepted as so amended, and that the Board deviate from the agenda if required.

Carried

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 28, 2025 MEETING

Motion # 2025-04-036

Moved by: P. McEwen

Seconded by: D. Hocking

That the Minutes of the April 28, 2025 meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

CONSENT AGENDA

The Chair requested that item 4Bii *Implementation of Jury Recommendations – Garlow Inquest* be pulled from the consent agenda and added for discussion as item 6E under New Business.

Motion # 2025-04-037

Moved by: P. McEwen

Seconded by: D. Hocking

That the following Consent Agenda items be received and that the information and correspondence in the consent agenda be received for information.

- A. April 2025 Cheque Register
- B. Correspondence
 - i. Ceremony of Remembrance Message from the IG

Carried

BUSINESS FROM MINUTES

A. Strategic Plan

The Board decided that the time frame for the plan should be from 2025 to 2029 and it will be presented to Hanover Town Council along with the 2024 Annual Report following Board approval of the Annual Report.

Motion # 2025-04-038

Moved by: S. Paterson

Seconded by: P. McEwen

That the Strategic Plan cover the period 2025 – 2029 and that the Board adopt the plan as so amended.

B. Policy Review

A series of meetings will be set up for the working group to review the draft policies to ensure compliance

These minutes are considered to be in draft form until signed by the Chair and the Secretary.

with the Community Safety and Policing Act. The group will make recommendations to the Board on the adoption of new policies.

C. Clarification of Fleet Management Charges

A charge of \$6.78 is applied to every vehicle by the fleet management company.

NEW BUSINESS

6. New Business

A. OAPSB Zone 5 Meeting, Tuesday, May 27, 2025

The Chair, the Chief and the Administrator will attend the meeting to be held at the Waterloo Regional Police Central Division in Kitchener.

B. Restrictions on Secondary Activities

There were no restrictions on secondary activities to report.

C. Handling of Discipline

There was no handling of discipline to report.

D. Speed Cameras

Mayor Paterson asked the Chief if traffic cameras would increase safety. The Chief noted that these cameras automatically issue a ticket to the registered owner of the vehicle, and there are no demerit points resulting from the tickets. These cameras are effective at reducing speed, making the roads safer, although public education is important prior to implementation since the public often sees such cameras as a “tax grab”, rather than as a public safety initiative. Cameras could be effective in reducing speed, particularly on 7th Avenue and 10th Street, and would benefit the Police Service because police resources that are devoted to traffic during the day when calls for service are heaviest could be redirected to more serious calls. Board members were in favour of traffic cameras as a safety issue and felt that while there might be complaints initially, the public would come to see them as a benefit. It was noted that there are private companies that can install and manage the cameras. The Chief stated that there have been two fatal traffic accidents in Hanover in his time as Chief, both involving pedestrians and not as a result of speeding. Exploring what other municipalities have done would be useful and the question of how to deal with complaints and disputes would have to be clarified. The Chief recommended to the Board that it request that Hanover Town Council explore traffic enforcement cameras, including speed cameras and red-light cameras, to make the streets safer,.

Motion # 2025-04-039

Moved by: D. Hocking

Seconded by: P. McEwen

That the Board accept the Chief of Police’s recommendation that traffic enforcement cameras, including speed cameras and red-light cameras, be explored and that the recommendation be forwarded to the Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Hanover.

Carried

E. Implementation of Jury Recommendations – Garlow Inquest

The jury made recommendations to all police services in Ontario regarding the provision of crisis intervention training for officers. A regulation under the Community Safety and Policing Act now requires every police service to provide annual crisis intervention training. The Hanover Service has partnered with West Grey and Saugeen Shores Police Services to deliver the training, with the first sessions to take place in November and December 2025.

CHIEF’S REPORT & OPERATIONAL REPORT

The service has applied for an order under the Dog Owners’ Liability Act to have the three large dogs that injured an officer destroyed, although this process may take some time.

Motion # 2025-04-040

Moved by: P. McEwen

Seconded by: D. Hocking

That the Board accept the Chief's Report for the period April 29 to May 16, 2025 and the Operational Report for Q1 of 2025 as presented.

Carried

IN CAMERA SESSION

Motion # 2025-04-041

Moved by: P. McEwen

Seconded by: D. Hocking

That the Board convene in closed session at 11:36 a.m. under section 44 (2) of the Community Safety and Policing Act to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual, including members of the Police Service or any other employees of the Board; labour relations or employee negotiations; litigation or potential litigation affecting the Board, including matters before administrative tribunals; and an ongoing investigation respecting the police service Board.

Carried

The Hanover Police Service Board reconvened in open session at 12:13 p.m. and the Chair confirmed that the Board had gone in closed session under section 44 (2) of the Community Safety and Policing Act and discussed matters relating to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual, including members of the Police Service or any other employees of the Board; labour relations or employee negotiations; litigation or potential litigation affecting the Board, including matters before administrative tribunals; and an ongoing investigation respecting the Police Service Board.

ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING

Motion # 2025-04-042

Moved by: D. Hocking

Seconded by: P. McEwen

That the Board adjourn at 12:15 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, June 16, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Boardroom, P&H Centre, or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

Selwyn Hicks, Chair

Catherine McKay, Secretary/Administrator