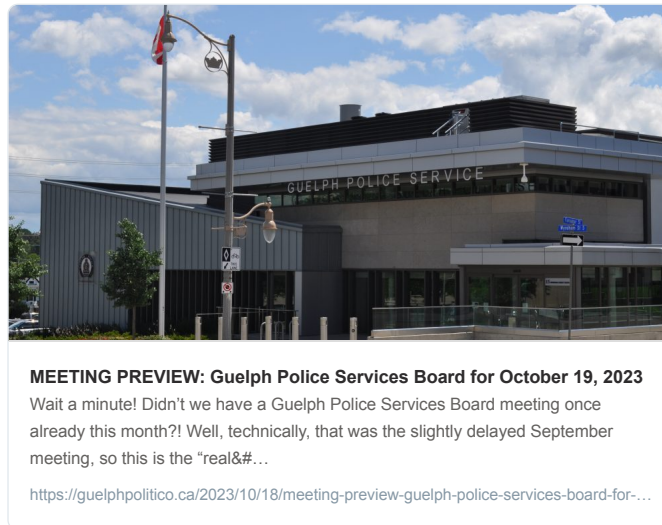




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Coming at 2:30 pm, it's this month's meeting of the Guelph Police Services Board. (The one two weeks ago was actually the Sept. meeting.) Here's the Politico preview:



Chair McSherry has called the meeting to order.

Declarations of Conflict or Pecuniary Interest? Nope.

Motion from closed session: Guthrie/Allt move \$1,000 donation from the community account, and that's passed unanimously.

Consent agenda:

- 6.1 Approval of the Open Meeting Minutes dated October 5, 2023
- 6.2 Board Correspondence Report
- 6.3 Professional Standards Quarterly Report

No reports removed for further questions so the consent agenda is approved!

Next, 2023-2027 Operating Budget. Chief Cobey notes that not everything was re-stated from the Oct 5 meeting, but there is additional information about supporting the IMPACT team.

Cobey says that they tried to find a "creative solution" working with CMHA, and they were able to put together \$455,700 over the next four years thanks to money from the Police Operating Contingency Reserve, which would get an additional FTE.

This would cover the cost of one mental health worker to team directly with the downtown resource officer in the core. A fully trained mental health worker would be able to visit people not in crisis and help those who are in crisis and that would be their dedicated beat.

Guthrie/Armstrong move the motion:

Budget and contributions to the Service's capital reserve.

At the October 5, 2023 meeting, the following motion was passed by members of the Board:

THAT the Guelph Police Services Board direct Staff to examine opportunities for funding the IMPACT program to the amount of \$750,000.00, and

THAT for those funding opportunities to be presented back to the Board at the October 19, 2023 meeting.

Guthrie asks if the board can get a report in a year about the success of the program. Cobey says they can do that and they've worked with CMHA to come up with a set of metrics to measure their success.

Guthrie asks about domestic violence response and the impacts of that in this budget. Cobey says the KMPG report is the long-term vision on implementing investments in the budget, and intimate partner violence and human trafficking are 2 areas where the funding will have impact.

Cobey says a report will come back in the next couple of months to show how that will work. Deputy Chief Gill says that they're hoping to add someone as soon as Jan. and notes the connections between domestic violence and human trafficking.

Guthrie asks how this budget will align with the focus on downtown post-pilot. Cobey says the community wants more presence and support DT, so there will be an additional (person) resource, and now a CMHA worker. Cobey notes that the pilot was supported by officers overtime.

Allt asks for confirmed: This means we'll have 3 people DT from police. Cobey says yes, there will be Connor (current DT resource officer), a CMHA worker, and another DT support officer, a proactive presence. Though he notes that's not 24/7.

Allt notes that they can't pull from reserves forever and it's important for the public to appreciate that. Cobey says that his members are the last line of support, or should be. He agrees this can't be forever, but in a vacuum they have to demonstrate support for community.

Allt says it's important to recognise how tight the reserve is, and Cobey agrees. The max they can keep in the reserve is 5%, and that's meant to support unexpected/unforeseen events.

Armstrong says that she wants to hear in a year's time a report about how the various gaps in the KPMG report are being mitigated.

Full recommendation (strike tweet above):

RECOMMENDATION:

WHEREAS the Guelph Police Services Board has reviewed the proposed 2024-2027 Operating Budget; and

WHEREAS the Guelph Police Services Board presented its operating budget to the public on October 5, 2023 and provided an opportunity for feedback; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Guelph Police Services Board approve the Guelph Police Service 2024-2027 Operating Budget in the amounts of \$61,399,520 in 2024, \$66,366,000 in 2025, \$70,863,550 in 2026 and \$75,403,900 in 2027; and,

THAT the Guelph Police Services Board approve the Service's updated user fees as outlined in Appendix B effective January 1, 2024; and,

THAT the Guelph Police Services Board recommend transfers from the Police Operating Contingency Reserve (#115) in the amounts of \$330,400 in 2024, \$279,900 in 2025, \$114,400 in 2026 and \$116,400 in 2027; and,

THAT the Guelph Police Services Board recommend transfers to the Police Capital Reserve Fund (#158) in the amounts of \$4,248,000 in 2024, \$4,421,000 in 2025, \$4,805,000 in 2026 and \$4,982,000 in 2027; and,

THAT the Board forwards this information to the City of Guelph Council.

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THAT the Board forwards this information to the City of Guelph Council.

Guthrie asks about volunteer records check, it's being lowered to \$25? It is. Guthrie asks if this is a cost recovery program. Sarah Purton, Manager of Financial Services confirms that this cost recovery (this is the vulnerable sector check).

Deputy Chief Goetz adds that they look at cost recovery, but they also look at comparators, and that's one of the reasons why the cost went down, they don't want to changing more for the same service compared to other municipalities.

Guthrie asks for how many vulnerable sector checks are done in a year. Purton says she doesn't have that info on hand, but she can follow up in an email later.

The motion is approved unanimously.

Next, Chief's Monthly Report. Cobey has quick update about Safe Semester/Homecoming. He compliments the combined efforts of the services and departments, and there were 54 additional officers deployed DT and 15 to campus. Cost was \$46.7k, and \$38k was GPS with \$7k from UofG.

For Homecoming, 58 officers were deployed and there was a cost of \$97k with \$76k was the cost to GPS with \$20k from the U of G. Cobey says it was busy, but there were no unforeseen issues.

No further questions for the Chief.

No new business.

Next meeting is Thursday November 16. As for this meeting...



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