



**The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle  
Minutes of a Public Meeting of the Town of LaSalle Police Services Board**

January 16, 2023, 5:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers, LaSalle Civic Centre, 5950 Malden Road

Board Members Present: Mayor Crystal Meloche, Deputy Mayor Michael Akpata, Daniel Allen, Morris Brause, Marie Campagna

Administration Present: Chief of Police Duncan Davies, Deputy Chief of Police Jason Woods, Tanya Mailloux, Board Secretary

Additional Present: Ronald LeClair, Zone 6 Advisor

**Secretary's Note:** A recording of the meeting can be viewed at the following link:  
[www.youtube.com/@TownofLaSalleON](http://www.youtube.com/@TownofLaSalleON)

**A. Opening Business**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Meloche presides as Chair and calls the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

2. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

There are no declarations of conflict of interest on the public agenda.

3. New Board Member Introductions and Swearing-In

At this time, the Board Secretary introduces new board member Deputy Mayor Michael Akpata and reads his bio. The Board Secretary conducts the swearing-in and reads the Oath of Office and Oath of Secrecy.

The Board Secretary introduces new provincially appointed board member Morris Brause and reads his bio. The Board Secretary conducts the swearing-in and reads the Oath of Office and Oath of Secrecy.

The Board Secretary introduces new Council appointed board member Marie Campagna and reads her bio. The Board Secretary conducts the swearing-in and reads the Oath of Office and Oath of Secrecy.

4. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

A.4.1 Election of Chair for 2023

Board Secretary, T. Mailloux, asks if there are any nominations for the position of Chair for the LaSalle Police Services Board for 2023.

4598/23

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Akpata

Seconded By: M. Brause

That Mayor Crystal Meloche be nominated for the position of Chair for 2023.

**Carried.**

T. Mailloux asks if there are any other nominations for the position of Chair. No other nominations are made.

4599/23

Moved By: D. Allen  
Seconded By: M. Campagna

That the nominations for the position of Chair be closed.

**Carried.**

Board Secretary, T. Mailloux, asks Mayor Crystal Meloche if she wishes to accept the position of Chair for the LaSalle Police Services Board for 2023. Mayor Meloche responds “yes” and accepts the position. T. Mailloux declares Mayor Crystal Meloche as Chair of the LaSalle Police Services Board for 2023.

#### A.4.2 Election of Vice-Chair for 2023

Chair, Mayor Crystal Meloche, asks if there are any nominations for the position of Vice-Chair for the LaSalle Police Services Board for 2023.

4600/23

Moved By: D. Allen  
Seconded By: M. Campagna

That Deputy Mayor Michael Akpata be nominated for the position of Vice-Chair for 2023.

**Carried.**

Chair, Mayor Meloche asks if there are any other nominations for the position of Vice-Chair. No other nominations are made.

4601/23

Moved By: D. Allen  
Seconded By: M. Campagna

That the nominations for the position of Vice-Chair be closed.

**Carried.**

Chair, Mayor Meloche, asks Deputy Mayor Michael Akpata if he wishes to accept the position of Vice-Chair for the LaSalle Police Services Board for 2023. Deputy Mayor Akpata responds “yes” and accepts the position. Mayor Meloche declares Deputy Mayor Michael Akpata as Vice-Chair of the LaSalle Police Services Board for 2023.

#### 5. Adoption of Minutes

4602/23

Moved By: D. Allen  
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Akpata

That the minutes of the LaSalle Police Services Board committee and public meetings held November 14, 2022 be adopted as presented.

**Carried.**

#### B. Presentations/Delegations

**C. Reports/Correspondence for Action**

1. LaSalle Police Services Board 2023 Committee Appointments

4603/23

Moved By: M. Brause

Seconded By: D. Allen

That the memorandum from the Board Secretary dated January 6, 2023 regarding the 2023 LaSalle Police Services Board Committee Assignments be received and that the 2023 committee assignments be approved.

**Carried.**

**D. Information Items to be Received**

1. LaSalle Police Service 2022 Year End Report - Use of Force

Deputy Chief Woods advises that there will be a new Use of Force report moving forward with new data fields.

4604/23

Moved By: M. Brause

Seconded By: D. Allen

That the memorandum from Chief Davies dated January 10, 2023 regarding the LaSalle Police Service 2022 Year End Report - Use of Force be received for information.

**Carried.**

2. LaSalle Police Service Community Focus (July - December 2022)

4605/23

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Akpata

Seconded By: M. Campagna

That the memorandum from Chief Davies dated January 11, 2023 regarding the LaSalle Police Service July through December 2022 community focus report be received for information.

**Carried.**

3. LaSalle Police Services Board 2023 Correspondence Summary Number 1

4606/23

Moved By: D. Allen

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Akpata

That the memorandum from the Board Secretary dated January 11, 2023 regarding the LaSalle Police Services Board 2023 Correspondence Summary Number 1 be received for information.

**Carried.**

4. Crime Stoppers Coordinator & Statistical Report (November & December 2022)

4607/23

Moved By: M. Campagna

Seconded By: M. Brause

That the Windsor & Essex County Crime Stoppers Coordinator and Statistical report for the months of November and December 2022 be received for information.

**Carried.**

5. LaSalle Police Service Monthly Statistics (October & November 2021/2022)

Board member M. Campagna requests if the Board can have pre-pandemic statistics to compare to current statistics. Mayor Meloche advises that the social media campaigns/updates by the LaSalle Police Service are working and thanks the LaSalle Police Service.

4608/23

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Akpata

Seconded By: M. Brause

That the memorandum from Chief Davies dated January 10, 2023 regarding the LaSalle Police Service monthly statistics for comparison the months of October and November 2021/2022 be received for information.

**Carried.**

6. LaSalle Police Service Financial Statements (October & November 2022)

4609/23

Moved By: D. Allen

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Akpata

That the memorandum from Chief Davies dated January 5, 2023 regarding the LaSalle Police Service Financial Statements for the periods ending October 31 and November 30, 2022 be received for information.

**Carried.**

7. LaSalle Police Services Board Financial Statements (October & November 2022)

4610/23

Moved By: M. Brause

Seconded By: D. Allen

That the LaSalle Police Services Board Financial Statements for the periods ending October 31 and November 30, 2022 be received for information.

**Carried.**

**E. Questions/Statements by Board Members**

Chair, Mayor Crystal Meloche, advises that there have been questions from the public on why we couldn't do Amber Alerts for the instance that occurred over the weekend of January 14th with the missing individuals. The Chair's question to the Chief and Deputy Chief is if they think we should be petitioning to try and change that or if they find the alerts sent out over the weekend is the best way to go, if we should reconsider how Amber Alerts are done in Ontario, should we petition the Ontario government? Should we be considering something different in Ontario like they do in the states where they have the blue alert, green alert, etc. There have been more and more instances of missing persons and would it be helpful to Police to issue more Amber Alerts. Mayor Meloche notes the social media work done by LaSalle Police Service (LPS) was wonderful and was shared several times, but if we had the Amber Alert for those not on social media, would that have helped?

Chief Davies advises that any media coverage or any type of broadcasting information would have helped, the more information is out there and the sharing on social media certainly helped the LPS in their investigation on the weekend. When it comes to a missing person, there is a form that needs to be completed and an evaluation that the Service completes. In this weekend's case, the dynamic was not there to issue an Amber Alert. The Chief notes that at some point, is there a desensitization to it. Deputy Chief concurs with the Chief, each case is different and carries its own threat and the Service needs to be careful with what information is released. Chief Davies advises that the Service held a debrief on the situation over the weekend regarding the case of missing individuals to see what they did and what they can do better next time.

**F. Schedule of Upcoming Meetings/Events**

March 20, 2023 - LaSalle Police Services Board Committee and Public meetings:

- 4:30 p.m. Committee, 5:00 p.m. Public

**G. Adjournment**

The meeting is adjourned at the call of the Chair at 5:44 p.m. and will move back into closed session for the remainder of the items on the committee agenda (items C2 through C4).

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Chair: Mayor Crystal Meloche

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Recording Secretary: Tanya Mailloux