



The Corporation of the Township of Malahide
AYLMER POLICE COSTING AD HOC WORKING GROUP
October 26, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.

Springfield & Area Community Services Building
51221 Ron McNeil Line, Springfield

**** Note: Due to the COVID-19 situation, this meeting will be held electronically via videoconference.****

- (A) Call to Order & Roll Call
- (B) Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest
- (C) Approval of Previous Minutes – September 14, 2020.
- (D) Summary of Public Consultation following September 30, 2020 Public Meeting regarding Potential Change in Policing from the Current OPP Model to the Aylmer Police Service.
- (E) Next Committee Meeting
- (F) Adjournment

THAT the Aylmer Police Costing Ad Hoc Working Group adjourn its meeting at _____ p.m. to meet again on __, 2020 at__.

****VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING**

Note for Members of the Public:

In order to respect the State of Emergency declared by the County of Elgin and Township of Malahide and not hold large public gatherings, please note that the Ad Hoc Working Group meeting scheduled to be held on October 26, 2020 will be via videoconference only.

Please note that, at this time, there is not an option for the public to participate in to this meeting. However, you may watch the meeting by clicking on the following ZOOM meeting link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81106780157?pwd=TkhqQS8zVDNrZ1FKdDYrbzU0ZjF6UT09>

Written comments regarding the Agenda items are welcome – please forward such to the Clerk at mcasavecchia@malahide.ca



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AYLMER POLICE COSTING AD HOC WORKING GROUP September 14, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.

The Aylmer Police Costing Ad Hoc Working Group met via videoconference.

Due to COVID-19 and public health concerns, public attendance was not permitted at this meeting. The Chair and other members of the Working Group participated remotely.

The following members were present:

Working Group Members via Videoconference: Mayor Mennill, Deputy Mayor Giguère, and Councillor Widner.

Municipal Staff via Videoconference: Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk M. Casavecchia-Somers, Director of Fire and Emergency Services B. Smith, Director of Finance A. Mohile, and Deputy Clerk D. Wilson.

Absent with regret: Councillor R. Cerna.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Mennill took the Chair and called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST and the General Nature thereof:

No disclosures of pecuniary interests were declared.

MINUTES:

Moved by: Dominique Giguère

Seconded by: Mark Widner

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Aylmer Police Costing Ad Hoc Working Group held on September 1, 2020, as amended, be adopted as printed and circulated.

Carried.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- CAO - Review of Executive Summary

The Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk presented the draft Executive Summary that had been prepared by the Deputy Mayor. She noted that this draft document has not been circulated to either of the police services until after the Committee's review and modifications.

Deputy Mayor Giguère suggested the following modifications to the Notice of Public Meeting including links to the comparison table and the September 1, 2020 Committee Meeting to provide background to all interested parties. In response to a question from the Deputy Mayor, the CAO/Clerk indicated that, given the current COVID-19 restrictions, residents are able to send in their comments or questions in advance of the meeting.

The CAO/Clerk advised that the Elgin OPP and the Aylmer Police Services have confirmed that they will participate in the September 30th Public Consultation Session that will be held at the Malahide Community Place (MCP) in Springfield.

The CAO/Clerk provided the following suggestions for the format of the public meeting:

1. Brief introduction and synopsis by Mayor on how we have arrived at where we are.
2. Staff to provide a brief summary of the Consultant's report.
3. Ministry of the Solicitor General to present a brief outline of the legislation and answer questions. They will not weigh in on whether either proposal is good or bad.
4. Both Aylmer Police and OPP to provide brief presentation (approximately 5 – 10 minutes).
5. Council to ask questions.
6. Public to ask questions.
7. Advertisements/notices will include information that public can provide comments or written submissions up to one day prior to the meeting.

8. Close meeting with brief questionnaire. (Question similar to “Having heard all of the information now, are you supportive of moving forward with negotiating a contract with Aylmer Police Services?”). This does not mean that the Township will be entering into a contract, but rather will be proceeding with negotiations only.
9. After the meeting, the question can be published on the Township website to allow the public to submit comments after the meeting.

Upon an inquiry from Councillor Widner regarding the ability to watch the meeting remotely, the CAO/Clerk advised that the option still exists that a resident can phone in and listen, or they can connect to the Zoom link live. The meeting will also be livestreamed on YouTube. The ability to comment after the meeting exists so that residents all have the opportunity to have their say.

The MCP has a 50 person capacity and it was noted that participants must pre-register to attend or forward their comments or questions to the CAO/Clerk prior to the meeting.

NEXT STEPS:

The Public Consultation to be held on Wednesday, September 30th, 2020, at 7:00 at the MCP in Springfield. There is a limitation of 50 people because of COVID-19 restrictions; with Presenters, Staff, and the local media, there is room for approximately 35 members of the public to attend.

The CAO/Clerk confirmed a registration process would be set up with a registration list that would be checked at the door to ensure registration and limit capacity is not exceeded. She noted that a potential second session may be necessary depending on public interest.

The CAO/Clerk advised that the Public Meeting would be advertised on Malahide’s electronic signs, Aylmer Express, Township Website, flyers posted at Springfield Post Office, Community Halls, Facebook, Malahide Township window.

The CAO/Clerk noted that residents will be allowed to submit comments for about two weeks after the Public Meeting. She suggested that the Committee meet again at the end of October to review the results of such feedback.

NEXT WORKING GROUP MEETING

The next Working Group meeting will be at the call of the Chair.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by: Mark Widner
Seconded by: Dominique Giguère

THAT the Aylmer Police Costing Ad Hoc Working Group adjourn its meeting at 11:22 p.m.

Carried.

Chair – Dave Mennill

Clerk – M. Casavecchia-Somers



Summary of Public Consultation following September 30, 2020 Public Meeting regarding Potential Change in Policing from the Current OPP Model to the Aylmer Police Service

Following a public meeting that was held on September 30, 2020, Malahide Residents were asked to provide their suggestions or comments that may be used by the Council when it considers whether or not Malahide should negotiate a formal contract for policing services with the Aylmer Police Service.

Residents were given an opportunity to submit their comments via an online survey or by completing a paper questionnaire.

The following question was asked. In addition, the survey sought to have respondents provide their rationale for their decision.

HAVE YOUR SAY.....REGARDING A POTENTIAL CHANGE OF SERVICE FROM OPP POLICING TO AYLMER POLICE

The Aylmer Police Service has submitted a proposal and costing to the Township of Malahide to deliver policing services to Malahide.

Recognizing that no final decision has been made regarding the possibility of a change from the current OPP contract to a contract with the Aylmer Police Service,

Are you in favour of the Malahide Township Council proceeding to negotiate a formal contract for policing services with the Aylmer Police Service?

Results of Paper Questionnaires:

Yes	4
No	25
Undecided	1
Total Number of Responses	30

Results of Online Survey:

Yes	34
No	67

Yes	34
Undecided	6
Total Number of Responses	107

Final Results:

Yes	38
No	92
Undecided	7
Total Number of Responses	137

Rationale for Respondents Decisions:

Generally, those that responded “yes” indicated that their reasoning was that the proposal from the Aylmer Police Service would result in better dedicated service to Malahide, quicker response times, and future cost savings.

Generally, those that responded “no” indicated that their reasoning was that they were not confident that the Aylmer Police Service had sufficient resources/ capacity to deliver the same level of service that the OPP currently provides.

Generally, those that responded “undecided” indicated that their reasoning was that they did not have enough information to make a final decision.