RE: LaSalle Police Service Access to and Use of COVID-19 Personal Health Data

At the September 14, 2020 LaSalle Police Services Board public meeting, the following resolution was passed:

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Moved By: D. Allen
Seconded By: V. Houston
That the memorandum from Chief Leontowicz dated August 19, 2020 regarding the correspondence received by the Aboriginal Legal Services, Black Legal Action Centre, Canadian Civil Liberties Association and the HIV & AIDS Legal Clinic Ontario dated August 17, 2020 regarding the LaSalle Police Service’s access to and use of COVID-19 personal health data BE RECEIVED and that the four groups BE ADVISED by the Board Secretary of the actions taken by the LaSalle Police Service.
Carried.

I have therefore attached a copy of the memorandum from Chief Leontowicz dated August 19, 2020 as a response to your letter. If there is anything else you require, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours very truly,

Tanya Mailloux, Secretary
LaSalle Police Services Board

cc: Chief John Leontowicz
LaSalle Police Services Board members
PUBLIC MEMORANDUM

To: LaSalle Police Services Board
From: John Leontowicz, Chief of Police
Date: August 19, 2020
Re: Canadian Civil Liberties Association

Correspondence received from the CCLA, Aboriginal Legal Services, Black Legal Action Centre and the HIV/AIDS Legal Clinic Ontario regarding the LaSalle Police access to Ontario’s database of individuals who have had a positive test for COVID-19.

Please be advised that the LaSalle Police Service did not create a database that tracked or stored individuals COVID-19 status. There has been no database of this nature to access.

LaSalle Police communication dispatchers had access to the Provincial Portal while the portal was active. Further, the LaSalle Police did not flag persons or properties on the LPS record management system or any other database regarding COVID-19 status.

In keeping with the provincial mandate, a Chief’s Order regarding access to the Provincial Portal was rescinded July 21, 2020.

Recommendation:

That the Board advise the CCLA of the actions taken by the LaSalle Police Service.

John Leontowicz
Chief of Police

Attachment: LPSB Policy C.133(1), LPSB Policy C.133(2), LPS Policy C.133(3), Chief’s Order 2020 #008, Letter CCLA