



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2020 – 2:00 P.M.**

**POLICE SERVICES BOARD ROOM  
(Virtual Meeting)**

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**1. Roll Call**

**Members –** J. Bruno  
R. Webb  
I. MacKenzie

**Staff –** Chief H. Stevenson  
Deputy R. MacLachlan  
S. Miles

**2. Call to Order**

Vice Chair, J. Bruno called this meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

**3. Conflict of Interest Declarations**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**4. Questions and Information Arising Out of the Minutes and Not Otherwise on the Agenda**

There were no questions or information that arose.

**5. Adoption of Minutes – April 30, 2020**

MOVED BY: I. MacKenzie  
SECONDED BY: R. Webb

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the regular meeting, as presented, be hereby approved.  
Carried.

**6. Motion to Accept Agenda – May 28, 2020**

MOVED BY: R. Webb  
SECONDED BY: I. MacKenzie

RESOLVED that the Agenda of the regular meeting, as presented, be hereby approved.  
Carried.

**7. Communications & Reports – Information Only**

- a) Special Account Ledger (Auction Fund) – April 2020
- b) Monthly Total Overtime Costs (Paid and Banked) – April 2020

The Chief reported that March and April have gone down for overtime cost and we are below our overtime costs for 2017, as well.

- c) Monthly Staff Shortage Overtime Costs (3 Year Comparison) – April 2020

There has been a significant drop in staff shortage related overtime due to the COVID-19 crisis, single person patrol in vehicles and vacation/training cancellations. The all hands on deck approach has resulted in a decline of costs. Ian asked what kind impact would the closure of the Court House have and the Chief advised that right now we are not incurring overtime costs due to court but at some point it will catch up. Staff is now allowed to rebook vacation and the difficulty is that everyone will be coming back in July for court so lining up vacation with the courts is going to be an incurred cost. We save now on the training piece and cancelled vacation but it will cost us later down road and it will push forward into 2021.

Rick asked if the single car has an impact on the decline. The Chief did not know if it had a huge impact as there are the same number of members attending work but it does have an obvious impact on visibility. There are 40% more cars out and the community has noticed this. Vacation and cancellation of training have had the biggest impact on overtime costs.

John noted that he has heard many comments regarding visibility of vehicles in the community and hopes this kind of visibility can continue.

- d) Monthly Staff Shortage Overtime Costs (Patrol & CERB) – April 2020
- e) Court Time Costing Comparison – October 01, 2019 to September 30, 2020
- f) Statistical Reports for March 2020

The Chief reviewed the reports and noted the Service is down about 9% in total calls for service. Crimes of violence are down 33% in assaults and 36% in sex assaults. With regards to the year to date report, there is similar information where calls for

service are maintained, robberies are up but sex assaults are down. The consistency is that crimes of property have increased between January and March; that increase is consistent over three months and the reason we have taken on a project to tackle the issue. The Chief advised he cannot attribute COVID-19 to the increase but will have to wait for April figures to determine causality of this increase as these crimes of property are primarily related to long term drug use. The Chief noted our project has been helping to deal with this issue and we are waiting for our numbers to come in regarding the outcome of the project. The Chief advised he was confident they will be significant.

Rick noted that there has been information circulating about domestic violence during COVID-19 but our stats appear normal and wondered if the Chief had any comments on this. The Chief advised that there have been increases in larger jurisdiction but in our statistics, we have not seen this trend. If we look at month to month, we actually see they are down. The Chief also noted that statistics do not necessarily tell you the complete truth and many advocates indicate there is an increase because the avenues for the complainant to contact authorities have decreased. The Chief advised the service remains vigilante to ensure we work with our partners in all areas to ensure women are protected.

- g) Provincial Offences Statistics – April 2020
- h) Use of Force Report – April 2020
- i) Public Complaints Against Police – dated May 28, 2020

The Chief clarified for the Board that of the 14 reported complaints, 7 were deemed to be not in the public's interest and 3 were from the same individual.

## **8. Taxi By-Law: Request for Name Change**

MOVED BY: R. Webb  
SECONDED BY: I. MacKenzie

RESOLVED that the Board approve the name change of “Union Cab” to “UCAB” with a new address of 178 Drive In Road, Unit 2, Sault Ste. Marie, ON. Carried.

## **9. Information Re: Individuals Charged While on Release**

The Chief reported that the Crime Analyst put together an actuarial study report using a random selection and actuarial design. As a result, what we have seen is an increase in recidivisms. The Chief reviewed the enclosed report and noted that one individual was charged 22 times and released 14 times. The Chief noted that to protect the community, we need to ensure people are held or treated. The Chief advised that his argument of the last month is the same this month; we need to do more as a justice system to help these people not continue criminal behavior. The Chief felt the data spoke for itself and Ian concurred, the justice system is broken and something needs to be done. Ian expressed that it was good this issue is constantly being brought to the public.

**10. Next Meeting Date**

June 25, 2020

**11. Adjournment – Time:**

MOVED BY: I. MacKenzie

SECONDED BY: R. Webb

That the regular meeting is adjourned and that the Board enter into the caucus meeting.  
Carried.