



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2020 – 2:00 P.M.

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

1. Roll Call

Members – Mayor C. Provenzano
J. Bruno
R. Webb
L. Vezeau-Allen

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

2. Call to Order

Chair, C. Provenzano called this meeting to order at 2:10 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 – May 28, 2020

MOVED BY: J. Bruno
SECONDED BY: R. Webb

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

6. Motion to Accept Agenda – June 25, 2020

MOVED BY: R. Webb
SECONDED BY: J. Bruno

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

7. Communications & Reports – Information Only

a) Monthly Total Overtime Costs (Paid and Banked) – May 2020

The Chief reported there has been a savings in overtime over the two past two years and a homicide is the explanation for the current increase. Based on our trajectory, we will be below in terms of overall overtimes costs compared to last year.

b) Monthly Staff Shortage Overtime Costs (3 Year Comparison) – May 2020

The Chief advised there has been an increase due to Covid-19 and a prohibition on training and vacation time.

c) Monthly Staff Shortage Overtime Costs (Patrol & CERB) – May 2020\

The increase in May was due to a missing person that required significant resources as well as other large scale search scenarios.

d) Statistical Reports for April 2020

The Chief reported that calls for service are up compared to last year, but not significantly. Robberies and sex assaults were down. Break and enter occurrences show an increase and a number of those were attributed to businesses. Thefts and theft from vehicles were significant. The Chief advised that a task force for break and enters was initiated to deal with these increases. Once the task force was up and running, you will see it was able to significantly reduce these numbers.

e) Provincial Offences Statistics – May 2020

f) Use of Force Report – May 2020

g) Public Complaints Against Police – dated June 25, 2020

h) Notes of Appreciation

8. Online Reporting: Overview

The Chief advised the Board that the Online Reporting had a soft start in May 2020. Dispatchers are encouraging people to report online but if they choose not to, we are still sending a car during the beginning stages. The Online Reporting will help to free up officer time for more serious calls and we have staff to check these calls for service. The official

launch will be tomorrow.

9. **Analysis of the Initiation and Expansion of the Community Crisis Response Team**

The Chief reported that the Community Crisis Response Team was created to deal with wait times at the hospital when an individual is taken there while in police custody. The Chief reviewed the history and scope of the unit, noted it has transitioned to a seven day a week response with crisis workers and there are now two more officers.

The Chief advised it is important for the Board and public to know that police and mental health workers have very positive history and this relationship has expanded. If we continue to expand the unit, it will impact our use of force and complaints. The Chief advised that our analyst is going to look at three years of data from mental health groups and look at how our hours have increased to a correlation in reduction of use of force reports and complaints against report. If we increase the CCRT in terms of hours/personnel, we will decrease complaints and use of force. The Chief noted the Service wants an imperial, actuarial study to demonstrate how these partnerships work.

John asked if there are any calls just going to the mental health organizations because they have been screened and does this lighten the load or are officers always required. The Chief advised that when someone is in crisis, they call 911, it comes to police first because it is usually a person about to harm themselves or someone else. The Chief pointed out that this is why the CCRT is effective because these calls get diverted to this unit. When presented with a dangerous situation, we have to make sure we have the appropriate protection for the health care worker, as well as the officer so this is why the combined effort is so important. This is a model that has always presented results.

The Chair wished to recognize the good work the Service is doing to collaborate with community partners and noted the community needs to hear us say there is a need in the community. This recognition demonstrates a need for an investment in the root causes of those crimes and the Service is doing what it can to address those challenges. Whenever we hear about overdoses, the reality is that language is common language but we need to talk about them being poisonings and the drug supply is tainted. We still do not have progress on, and need progress on, a withdrawal management facility; a community of our size and needs one. When an individual is in crisis they will call 911 and our officers will respond so we have to be in a position where they can respond. The government has to step up to give us the supports our community needs. We need a holistic community approach.

10. **Break and Enter Project Final Statistics**

The Chief reviewed the graphs to show how the task force was successful. Lisa asked if there has been any feedback from the commercial space people downtown. The Chief advised there has been nothing directly related, but what we have had is the community

saw more officers out. A lot of the people in the community see a lot more cruisers these days because of our all hands on deck approach. That has been the biggest outcome we have received feedback on.

11. Next Meeting Date

September 24, 2020

12. Adjournment – Time:

MOVED BY: L. Vezeau-Allen
SECONDED BY: R. Webb

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