



## **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021 – 2:30 P.M.**

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

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### **1. Roll Call**

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

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

### **2. Call to Order**

Chair, Mayor Provenzano called this meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

### **3. Election of Officers**

#### **CHAIR**

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

The Board APPOINTED J. Bruno as Chair, Sault Ste. Marie Police Services Board.  
Carried.

#### **VICE-CHAIR**

MOVED BY: R. Webb  
SECONDED BY: C. Provenzano

The Board APPOINTED L. Vezeau-Allen as Vice-Chair, Sault Ste. Marie Police Services Board. Carried.

SECRETARY

MOVED BY: C. Provenzano  
SECONDED BY: L. Vezeau-Allen

The Board APPROVES S. Miles as Secretary, Sault Ste. Marie Police Services Board. Carried.

FINANCE / BUDGET COMMITTEE:

MOVED BY: C. Provenzano  
SECONDED BY: R. Webb

The Board APPOINTED L. Vezeau-Allen, I. MacKenzie and J. Bruno to be on the Board's Finance / Budget Committee. Carried.

NEGOTIATING / GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE:

MOVED BY: C. Provenzano  
SECONDED BY: L. Vezeau-Allen

The Board APPOINTED J. Bruno, R. Webb and C. Provenzano to be on the Board's Negotiating / Grievance Committee. Carried.

POLICE FACILITY PLANNING COMMITTEE:

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

The Board APPOINTED R. Webb, L. Vezeau-Allen and I. MacKenzie to be on the Board's Police Facility Planning Committee. Carried.

**4. Conflict of Interest Declarations**

Rick Webb declared a conflict of interest with regards to Sault College Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards Program.

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

There were no questions or information that arose.

**6. Adoption of Minutes – December 17, 2020**

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

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

**7. Motion to Accept Agenda – January 28, 2021**

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

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

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

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

The Chief reported that the increase to overtime for the month was due to two homicide investigation, multiple shooting occurrences, a serious abduction and two motor vehicle fatalities. However, over the year the overtime is still less than it was in 2019 and this speaks to the hiring and the filling of positions as much as possible.

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

The Chief reported that the Service is significantly down with regards to staff overtime shortages and this is a good indication of that hiring practices are working.

- d) Monthly Staff Shortage Overtime Costs (Patrol & CERB) – December 2020

The Chief noted the overtime in CERB was due to accommodation issues.

- e) Court Time Costing – October 1, 2020-September 30, 2021

The data for court time is a result of COVID-19 as there has been less court for officers to attend.

- f) Statistical Reports for November 2020

The Chief reported there has been a 24% increase in calls for service for the month of November. Crimes of property are up but collisions are down due to a milder winter

month.

Lisa asked if there had been an examination into the data showing an increase in thefts and the Chief advised that as it was a milder November, this could attribute to the increase. Weather can be correlated to theft and property crimes. Lisa asked about putting out a public service announcement to assist in the prevention of thefts from vehicles and the Chief agreed this would be done. The Chief also advised he would make a note to proactively put out a release in the fall to be proactive and stay ahead of the issue.

- g) Provincial Offences Statistics – December 2020
- h) YCJA Statistics – Annual Report

The Chief that officers are meeting with local Probation and Parole so as to reexamine diversions to ensure we are utilizing it properly. Lisa discussed local youth programming that is taking place in the community felt it would be beneficial to have these agencies and the school board to work together to determine what is being done for 12-18 years old age group as there are gaps in programing and services for this group.

The Chief advised he had a meeting with the manager or Probation and Parole in December on how they could be more involved in the referral process. He met with manager of YO Probation and Parole whose responsibility it is to find programming for the age group. Based on their involvement with the Service, there will be more referrals happening. The Chief noted the Service has a positive relationship with Probation and Parole and the goal is to create more referrals and less criminalization youth.

Lisa suggested working with other agencies to create an inventory of services available so they have more options and know who is doing what and while understanding what the capacity for each agency is.

The Chief advised he could facilitate a meeting with a variety of youth agencies and he would have Probation and Parole be a part of this meeting.

Ian concerned with the number of prior charges.

Mayor Provenzano supported the Chief's suggestion to not criminalize this population and create a resource map.

- i) Public Complaints Against Police – dated January 22, 2020
- j) Use of Force Reports

The Chief reviewed that there during the month of December, eight firearms were reported to have been drawn and pointed, four CEW's were displayed, one CEW was used and one baton was used. The Chief noted there is an increase in Use of Force reports for the year and this speaks to an increased level of gun and knife violence in the community. There are multiple indications in the data that show there is an increase

in the level of violence in our community.

The Mayor noted that in his time on the Board, he has never seen a month with this number of Use of Force report and it is indicative of the mental health and addictions crisis in our community.

The Chief spoke to the need for an addictions based long term care facility in our community.

- k) Travel Log
- l) Notes of Appreciation

## **9. CCII Annual Report**

## **10. Use of Force Annual Statistical Report**

The Chief reviewed that the Use of Force incidents in 2018 versus 2020 shows there is something different going on. There is a significant increase in incidents of firearms being pointed.

The Chief spoke to the increase in coverage with the MCRRT team, the necessity of this unit and the incredible benefits. The Chief noted this type of approach is the future in terms of being a total comprehensive calls for service with mental health and police.

## **11. Sault College Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards Program**

MOVED BY: L. Vezeau-Allen  
SECONDED BY: L. MacKenzie

RESOLVED that the Board approved an annual contribution to the Scholarships, Bursaries and Award program at Sault College, in the amount of \$1500 to be funded from the Board's Auction Account. Carried.

## **12. Taxi By-Law: Request for Rate Increase**

The Board agreed this was a matter that would require more of the Board's attention. There was agreement there was a need for a certain level of regulation. Mayor Provenzano was not comfortable with the increase but respected the Board's decision to approve it. Mayor Provenzano also noted this was a municipal by-law and it comes back to the Municipality. Lisa agreed they should look at it further. Mayor Provenzano and Lisa would connect with staff at City Hall to get a handle on this matter.

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

RESOLVED that the Board approve the increase in rates, as requested by Soo Yellow Cab and outlined in the attached correspondence. Carried.

**13. Next Meeting Date**

February 25, 2021

**14. Adjournment – Time: 3:25 p.m.**

MOVED BY: C. Provenzano  
SECONDED BY: R. Webb

That the regular meeting is adjourned. Carried.