



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2019 – 2:00 P.M.**

**POLICE SERVICES BOARD ROOM**

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**1. Roll Call**

**Members –** J. Bruno  
R. Webb  
Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

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

**2. Call to Order**

Vice Chair, J. Bruno called this meeting to order at 2: 40 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 that arose.

**5. Adoption of Minutes – January 24, 2018**

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

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

**6. Motion to Accept Agenda – February 28, 2019**

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

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

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

- a) 2019 Monthly Staff Shortage Overtime Costs – January 2019
- b) 2019 Monthly Staff Shortage Overtime Costs (Cash and AOT) – January 2019
- c) Monthly and Year to Date Statistical Reports for November & December 2018

The Chief discussed the year to date data presented in the reports and noted the calls for service were up by 14.1%. The Chief advised this type of increase is could be attributed to the fact that we had the HEAT and CORE Unit and it was consistent when compared to the year to date information. The Chief pointed out that the largest increase was with break and enter occurrences though theft from vehicles were also up and relatively consisted with the numbers for December. The Chief discussed that part of the reason for this is the opioid crisis issue as theft is used to fund the problem. The other piece to consider is that the community is more aware and there is an increase in calls for service because of this awareness. The Chief noted there are more people reporting which allows us to know where the activity in the city is taking place.

John asked if there are repeating offenders and the Chief confirmed there absolutely are. The Chief discussed the increase in bail violations as they are also on the rise and he pointed out that this tells us that we continually have a catch and release issue. Our arrests have nearly doubled in this area; when they are released they continue to commit criminal offences so the numbers reflect that we continue to have an issue. The Chief noted that this is why we continue to lobby the provincial government so as to address the catch and release issue.

The Chief also pointed out that another statistic on the rise are the Mental Health Act arrests. The Chief noted they were in the realm of something to note but not to take too far as the numbers are not overly significant.

Lisa drew the Board's attention to the mental health call data reported for the month (pg. 12) and asked if people are now better equipped to assess personal situations. The Chief explained that sometimes when looking at a month to month comparator there are factors such as weather, lack of beds, etc., that could lead to a variety of issues. The Chief felt you could get a better understanding of the data when looking at a whole year.

- d) YCJA Diversion Program – report ending January 2019
- e) Provincial Offences Statistics – January 2019
- f) Notes of Appreciation – January 2019

- g) Use of Force Reports – December 2018 & January 2019
- h) Travel Log – February 28, 2019

**8. New Business**

John wished to commend the Service for the handling of the variety of special circumstances that happened in the community over the past month; specifically with regards to multiple fires and difficult weather.

Chief Stevenson introduced Lincoln Louttit and advised the Board that Lincoln would be taking over the corporate communications, strategic plan and policy development for the Service. Lincoln's role would serve to help the organization remain transparent and accountable to the public.

**9. Next Meeting Date**

March 28, 2019

It was noted that Rick Webb would be absent for the next meeting.

**10. Adjournment – Time: 2:51 p.m.**

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

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