



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2021 – 1:00 P.M.

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

1. Roll Call

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

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

2. Call to Order

Chair J. Bruno called this meeting to order at 1:08 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 – February 25, 2021

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

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

6. Motion to Accept Agenda – March 25, 2021

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

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) – February 2021
- b) Monthly Total Overtime Costs (Paid and Banked) – February 2021

The Chief reported that between this year and last year the overtime is down by approximately \$70,000 over the two months, which is a significant decrease.

- c) Monthly Staff Shortage Overtime Costs (3 Year Comparison) – February 2021

The Chief explained there is a new process in place for In-Service Training and this is going to help mitigate the cost of overtime. We will see the impact of this over the coming months.

- d) Monthly Staff Shortage Overtime Costs (Patrol & CERB) – February 2021

This report continues to show the downward trend.

- e) Budget Report – Ending January 31, 2021

The Chief noted that only 86% of the budget has been spent, compared to 84% last year.

- f) Statistical Reports for January 2021

The Chief reported that generally the statistics are showing a decrease in all major areas, including crimes to property and specifically to businesses.

Lisa asked about the rise in domestic disputes and if we knew the reason behind the increase. The advised that across Canada we have seen significant increases in domestic violence occurrences, specifically in Quebec. He noted that we have been watching the domestic violence here, while any increase should be addressed we haven't seen it become overly high over the month but we will keep an eye on that.

- g) Provincial Offences Statistics – February 2021
- h) Public Complaints Against Police – dated March, 2021
- i) Use of Force Reports

j) Travel Log

8. Financial Request Board Fund Easter Seals Telethon

MOVED BY: I. MacKenzie

SECONDED BY: R. Webb

RESOLVED that the Board approve the donation of \$500 to the Easter Seals Telethon.
Carried.

9. Smart Cities Initiative

The Chief presented on The Smart Cities Initiative and the partnership with PUC. The police service can get in on this approach because it provides an opportunity to address traffic concerns. The lights can be set up with a sensor that tells us speeds of vehicles in parts of the community, similar to what the city already uses. The sensors can also provide description based statistics regarding traffic flow, average speeds, median speed etc. This kind of information is very useful for dealing with traffic complaints. They can also use the cameras to determine the effect of our media campaigns because we will have a pre and post-test information. The total cost was \$10,000 and the portion to the Service was approximately \$2000.

10. New Business

Rick asked for an update on the status of the training the Service was doing with regards to indigenous cultural awareness training. The Chief reviewed the history of the training with Algoma University and the SHIFT training program. We have a total of 80 members who have gone through the training so far and it has been very effective. We are in the process of planning for additional SHIFT training this coming May and it will continue throughout the year.

The Chief also advised that he is in discussion with the African Caribbean Canadian Association of Northern Ontario (ACCANO) and there will be training coming up in April for approximately 15 members. This will be our first training and it will be interesting to have that dialogue between experts with ACCANO.

Ian mentioned the medial article that expressed concerns regarding the new Automated Licence Plate Reader and it confirmed the Board still supports their original position on the matter.

11. Next Meeting Date

April 29, 2021

12. Adjournment – Time: 1:29 p.m.

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

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